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Aldington case boosts demand for new rules on damages

Jury's £1.5m award trebles libel record

By Robin Young and Frances Gibb

Record libel damages of £1.5 million were awarded yesterday to Lord Aldington, a former Conservative Party deputy chairman, in a dramatic climax to the trial where he defeated accusations of being a war criminal whose activities were on a par "with the worst butchers of Nazi Germany and Soviet Russia".

The High Court jury's huge award — treble the previous highest level — was announced to a stunned court after less than seven hours' deliberation at the end of the nine-week trial, thought the costliest in legal history.

The decision, made in the face of advice from the judge not to deal in "Mickey Mouse money" or to "reel off noughts", was an overwhelmingly clear vindication of the former brigadier, who brought the libel proceedings against his accusers, Count Nikolai Tolstoy, the historian, and Mr Nigel Watts, the property developer. At the same time, it spelled ruin for the co-defendants, who will have to pay costs, estimated at some £1.4 million, as well as the award, as a result of their four-page pamphlet denouncing Lord Aldington as a war criminal.

The amount of the damages — coming close after those of £600,000, later cut on appeal to one-tenth, to Mrs Sonia Sutcliffe in the *Private Eye* case — will intensify pressure to remove from juries the task of awarding libel damages.

The leading libel lawyer, Mr Peter Carter-Ruck, described the award as "staggering, particularly given the judge's remarks". "This was a very, very serious libel for a man with the DSO. It is difficult for people not in the war to appreciate what it was like." But he thought a figure of £250,000 to £400,000 would have been appropriate.

He called for new rules enabling judges to set guidelines for juries. Other libel lawyers called for the task of awarding damages to be removed from juries altogether, while in the Commons there were calls from MPs from all parties for the libel laws, now under review, to be reformed.

Mr John Fraser, Labour MP for Norwood, described the award as "preposterous" and called for "quicker and cheaper way of repairing people's reputations".

The jury's award was announced to gasps of astonishment. Lord Aldington, the former brigadier who had told the jury of his "absolute horror at these monstrous allegations", smiled. Lady Aldington sat open-mouthed.

Lord Aldington said afterwards: "I am absolutely delighted in the vindication of my reputation by the jury. I think it is just wonderful. It is a very exciting and dramatic moment for me.

"I brought the action to get that vindication, to clear my name and that of my children and grandchildren of the charge of war criminality, to obtain the injunction and, of course, to prevent the repetition of the libels on me, and to end the harassment from which I was suffering. These three objects have all been achieved."

Count Tolstoy, who had agreed in court that if his allegations were wrong, the award for damages would have to be "enormous", remained impassive, although pale and concerned for his family as the verdict was given. His daughter, aged 14, broke down in tears and the Count stroked his wife's shoulder as she sat sobbing.

The Count, who had raised some £500,000 from his fundraising trips round the world to contest the case, added: "My view of British justice and judges on this subject is not so optimistic at this moment that I think there is anything much to be gained by an appeal. The verdict was predictable.

He said he might have to sell his house and library. He said he did "not know what they can take" but he added that even if the damages had been £100,000 he would not have been able to pay. "I fought this on a matter of principle."

Mr Watts was not in court, after storming out on Tuesday, complaining that the summing-up by the judge, Mr Justice Michael Davies, was biased and prejudiced.

But from his home in Tunbridge Wells, Kent, he said the outcome was "pretty inevitable" after the judge's summing-up.

Lord Aldington, KCMG, CBE, MBE, DSO, former chairman of the Sun Alliance insurance company, claimed that he was the victim of a "witchhunt" by Count Tolstoy and Mr Watts, who was campaigning on his sister's behalf over an insurance claim which the Sun Alliance refused to pay.

Ten thousand copies of the pamphlet were circulated by Mr Watts in March and April 1987 among MPs, the press, villagers at the peer's home in Aldington, Kent, and staff, old boys and parents at Winchester College in a bid to force his resignation as Warden. Count Tolstoy said that, though he might be silenced in Britain, his book *The Minister and the Massacres* was shortly to be published in Belgrade. "The one good thing which has come out of this, if any good comes from it at all, is that the story has been told."

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DENZIL MCKELLANCE



Buoyant: Lord Aldington (above) celebrates the award of £1.5 million damages outside the High Court in London yesterday



Beaten: Count Nikolai Tolstoy leaves in less confident mood

Soviet leader calls for summit

By Our Foreign Staff

President Gorbachov proposed bringing forward a European security summit to next year in a speech in Rome last night.

"I believe that this year's events underscore the desirability of an all-European summit, a Helsinki-2 meeting. We could consider advancing its date from 1992 to, say, as early as 1990," he said.

In his first public reference to developments in Eastern Europe, Mr Gorbachov warned the West not to bank on the collapse of communism or to exploit the weakness of others for its own ends. Otherwise, he said, the result could be chaos.

Making no direct reference to Germany, he noted that "certain questions which had seemed purely theoretical in the past were now assuming practical significance".

The Soviet leader will today meet the Pope in the first meeting between the leaders of communism and Roman Catholicism.

Eschewing the term Common European Home, Mr Gorbachov described a Europe of the future as a "commonwealth of sovereign democratic states", with a high degree of "equitable in-

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Government made secret 'concessions' over Rover

By Richard Ford, Political Correspondent

The Government was forced to make an embarrassing admission yesterday that multi-million-pound "concessions" to British Aerospace to persuade it to buy the Rover car group were kept secret from the European Commission.

Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, pledged full Government co-operation with any investigation by the European Commission into the controversial sell-off.

His promise was made after the leak of a confidential memorandum prepared by the Comptroller and Auditor General was discussed by the Cabinet, which was told by Mr Ridley that the matter was so serious as to warrant a Commons statement.

The leak indicated that £38 million was offered to British Aerospace after it threatened to pull out of a deal based on terms agreed with the Department of Trade and Industry and approved by the European Commission.

It was the second time this week that the Rover group sale had led to opposition taunts that the taxpayer had been "ripped off". On Tuesday a National Audit Office report said that the Government's price tag for the company was too low by £60 million.

Yesterday Mrs Thatcher looked highly uncomfortable when challenged by Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to say whether she knew of the £38 million of "under the counter payments" when she answered questions three days ago. Mrs Thatcher did not answer directly but defended the sale as representing the best deal possible.

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● There was no winner of yesterday's £2,000 Portfolio Platinum prize, which accumulates to £4,000. Today's chance to win: **Page 37**

New Piper rig gets go-ahead

Occidental, operators of the Piper Alpha oil platform that exploded last year with the loss of 167 lives, was given permission by the Department of Energy last night to rebuild the installation. The new platform, which has yet to be named, will be half-a-mile from the Piper platform.

'Gubby' dies

Sir George "Gubby" Allen, probably the greatest single influence on English cricket, has died aged 87, within a few yards of his spiritual home, Lord's. He played 25 tests against Australia, captaining England in a number of them, and once took all 10 wickets in an innings (for Middlesex against Lancashire). On retiring from the game he immediately became an administrator and was President of MCC in 1963.

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Top-speed rail link to airport is stalled

By Harvey Elliott
Air Correspondent

Plans to build a high speed rail link between Paddington and Heathrow had another setback yesterday when MPs threw out a motion to debate the £235 million project.

The plan has already been stalled twice — once by objections in the House of Lords to the detailed alignment of the line and once on the objections by a single MP.

In a new attempt to resurrect the Private Bill, without which work cannot begin, MPs had been asked to approve a composite motion for discussion to take place on more than 20 Private Bills outstanding from last session.

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Terror bomb kills German banker

From Ian Murray, Bonn

West German terrorists, probably members of the extreme Red Army Faction, yesterday penetrated security around one of the most closely guarded and powerful men in the country when they blew up the bulletproof Mercedes of Herr Alfred Herrhausen, aged 59, the chief executive of Deutsche Bank, the biggest bank in the country.

He was killed near his home in Bad Homburg as he was being driven to work at the bank's headquarters, 12 miles away in Frankfurt. The heavy car was almost blasted apart by a remote-controlled bomb attached to a bicycle parked by the roadside a quarter of a mile from his home.

The explosion blew open the doors, boot and bonnet and seriously injured the chauffeur. The blast was heard up to three miles away and shattered windows over a wide area. Neighbours reported seeing a man in a tracksuit running away from the area, but he might have been an early-morning jogger.

A message found 150 yards from the scene of the explosion, pinned down by a detonator and marked with the five-pointed star symbol of the Red Army Faction, claimed credit for the "Kommando Wolfgang Beer".

Beer was a suspected RAF member killed in a car accident in 1980, whose brother, Henning, has been wanted for questioning about the left-wing RAF since 1985.

Police in Frankfurt yesterday said that they had found the bombers' getaway car, a white Lancia, aban-

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Ferranti issues writs to recoup lost £215m

The troubled defence contractor Ferranti International has issued writs against Mr James Guerin, its former deputy chairman, as well as three other men and five Panamanian companies in an attempt to recoup the £215 million the company lost through fraud.

The civil suit, filed by Ferranti's UK subsidiaries, ISC Technologies and ISC London, names Mr Guerin, who also headed International Signal and Control before it became a unit of the UK defence contractor in 1987. Apart from Mr Guerin, Ferranti also named three other former executives of International Signal and Control — ISC finance director Mr Robert Shireman, marketing executive Mr Lawrence Resch and vice-president Mr Wayne Radcliffe.

Ferranti discovered problems in three sets of contracts of ISC Technologies in September.

It later said the contracts were bogus.

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Police offer £50m to victims of Hillsborough



By Peter Davenport

Families of Liverpool supporters killed at Hillsborough, as well as hundreds of supporters who were injured, are to receive compensation of up to £50 million from the South Yorkshire police.

The size of the eventual payout is not yet known. However, lawyers acting for the victims said last night that it could be between £30 million and £50 million.

Miss Nicola Harrison, a member of the Hillsborough Steering Committee, representing 180 Merseyside law firms, said: "The news of the compensation had taken us by surprise. But we are absolutely delighted, as are our clients."

The decision surprised lawyers after distressed by their experiences in the tragedy in which 95 died.

The South Yorkshire police, who bore the brunt of blame for the disaster in the report by Lord Justice Taylor, stressed that the decision to pay compensation was not an admission of liability.

However, Mr Michael Humphries, a leading member of the steering committee, said: "It is an admission at last by the Chief Constable, on behalf of South Yorkshire police, that they were at fault in causing the disaster. I think it will come as a relief to the City of Liverpool that in doing this any stories about the behaviour of Liverpool fans on the day must be seen in the light of test cases against the police, Sheffield Wednesday Football Club, its consulting engineers and Sheffield City Council at the High Court in Liverpool next June. The cases will not go ahead, although lawyers may try and establish the right to damages for those emotionally injured.

The South Yorkshire police said that Mr Peter Wright, the chief constable, and the policy authority had decided, in conjunction with their insurers, that the bereaved and injured should not have to await lengthy legal hearings.

A statement said Sheffield Wednesday, Eastwood and Partners, its consulting engineers, and the council had declined to join in deciding to offer

NEWS ROUNDUP

Aids treatment doctor struck off

A doctor who treated Aids sufferers with his own untested cure was ordered to be struck off the medical register yesterday for serious professional misconduct.

Dr James Sharp, aged 48, told victims of the disease that his treatment could give them "indefinite life" with no side effects. He did not say that specialists had said the treatment could make the disease worse, the General Medical Council's Professional Conduct Committee was told.

Nor did he tell patients at his clinic in Wimpole Street, central London, that he and his wife made £75,000 a year as directors of the company offering the £700 treatment.

Mr Timothy Langdale, counsel to the GMC, said Dr Sharp, of Grove Lane, Camberwell, south London, claimed success in spite of the death of three of his patients shortly after they finished his "adoptive immunotherapy" treatment. Mr Bernard Hargrove, QC, for Dr Sharp, said the doctor had made a major contribution to medicine.

999 unions lobby MPs

Unions involved in the 11-week-old ambulance dispute are to concentrate on 100 marginal Conservative seats to pressurize MPs into persuading the Government to concede their pay claim (Tim Jones writes). The five unions in the dispute also plan to employ professional lobbyists to press the Government into moving from its "final" position. Mr Roger Poole, the chief union negotiator, said the unions had won the "hearts and minds" of the public and now needed to convince only the Government of their case. Letters, page 17

Picasso sold for $51m

Picasso's "Les Noces de Pierrette" was sold at auction in Paris yesterday for a net figure of 315 million francs, or $51.656 million (£31.3 million), just failing to overtake the $53.9 million paid for Van Gogh's "Irises" (Sarah Jane Checkland writes). It was bought after a trans-global bidding match between Paris and Tokyo by Nippon Autopolis Company of Japan, when the French dealer M Hervé Odermatt dropped out at 300 million francs.

Editors defend rights

Newspaper editors criticized Lord Donaldson of Lymington, Master of the Rolls, yesterday for his challenge to journalists to say whether they believed themselves to be above the law on the non-disclosure of sources. The editors said that was not the case. "The question as to whether or not an individual should reveal his sources, when faced with a court order, must be a matter for the conscience of the individual journalist," they said.

Used-car campaign

MPs are to be urged to back legislation to protect more than five million motorists who buy second-hand cars each year. The Automobile Association and the influential Institute of Trading Standards Administration, launched the campaign yesterday amid growing concern that motorists are being defrauded of hundreds of millions of pounds annually by crooked dealers. Both organizations will promote a Private Member's Bill to combat what has become the biggest source of consumer complaint in Britain.

250,000 get warrants

Strathclyde Region is expected to issue warrant sales, the compulsory seizure and sale of a debtor's household goods, to as many as 250,000 people for refusal to pay the community charge in an attempt to recoup outstanding debts of £60 million (Kerry Gill writes). Mr Kenny MacAskill, the Scottish National Party's spokesman on the poll tax, said Strathclyde was joining in a massive bluff by local authorities, none of whom had any hope of collecting all the money due.

ALDINGTON LIBEL CASE

£1.5m award sets record as costliest defamation

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

Lord Aldington's libel action against Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts will go down as the costliest of defamation actions in legal history.

The £1.5 million record award of damages alone puts the case into a new league — the previous highest libel award was £600,000, then reduced to one tenth on appeal, awarded to Mrs Sonia Sutcliffe in the *Private Eye* case.

The award yesterday comes despite clear guidance by Mr Justice Michael Davies not to deal in "Mickey Mouse money" or to "reel off noughts because they sound good"; it will fuel pressure for juries to be given strict guidelines on damages.

Apart from the damages, the Aldington-Tolstoy 41-day trial has run up legal costs amounting to £1 million.

The defendants claim to have no means: all the money they raised before the trial has gone on the legal costs, driven up because of the sheer length of the trial. It has also involved heavyweight London firms, and two of the top names at the libel bar, Mr Richard Rampton, QC, and Mr Charles Gray, QC.

Count Tolstoy and Mr Watts have financed the action from a national appeal conducted through White Russian communities, which raised £400,000. That is believed to have covered most of their legal costs, estimated at £500,000. Lord Aldington, whose legal costs amount to the same, was paid a contribution towards costs (the sum is undisclosed but one figure suggested was £10,000) from Sun Alliance, where he was chairman.

The company said last night: "The board, which paid this sum from its own expenses — it is not policy holders' money — took the view that as the whole case started from a claim against Sun Alliance in 1975 by Mr Watts when Lord Aldington was chairman, it was right we should help him."

Apart from solicitors both Lord Aldington and Count Tolstoy were represented by a QC and a junior. Mr Watts dismissed his counsel early in the trial and represented himself. The brief fee for counsel in a trial such as this with months of preparation could be expected to be £50,000. On top of that, there would be a daily refresher of £1,000 to £2,000, which totals £60,000.

Then there is the cost of the junior barrister, whose brief fee could be as much as £10,000 in a case like this, with a daily refesher of half that of leading counsel, a total of £40,000.

Then there are the costs of solicitors, which could be as much as £1,500 a day. For the trial alone, that would amount to £60,000.

BIGGEST LIBEL PAYOUTS IN BRITAIN

1 Lord Aldington v. Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts ..... £1.5m.
2 Elton John v. *Sun* newspaper. £1m out of court settlement for 17 writs.
3 Sonia Sutcliffe v. Private Eye. £600,000, *later reduced on appeal.*
4 Jeffrey Archer v. the *Daily Star* ..... £500,000.
5 Packard v. the Greek newspaper *Eleftherotypia* £450,000.
6 Johnson v. Radio City. ..... £350,000.
7 The solicitors Gibbons v. the Arab magazine *Saurakia.* ..... £310,000.
8 Koo Stark v. the *Sunday People* ..... £300,000.
9 C Freeman v. *Stationery Trade News* ..... £300,000.
10 Sethia v. the *Mail on Sunday* ..... £260,000.

A man driven by an obsession

By Suzy Price

The High Court hearing of the libel action brought by Lord Aldington was for Count Nikolai Tolstoy the culmination of a 15-year campaign that had become an all-embracing obsession.

He was determined that the courts should hear his allegations of British complicity in the deaths of thousands of Cossacks and Yugoslavs handed back to the communists at the end of the Second World War. The Aldington case was intended to become a British war crimes trial.

Tolstoy's obsession took him from being a prep school teacher with a harmless interest in military re-enactments to centre stage in one of the most sensational libel cases since the War.

Tolstoy, a very distant relative of the great Russian novelist, identified readily with the victims.

He wrote: "I must freely confess to feeling a strong personal identification with the cause of the Cossacks, alongside whom my grandfather had fought in the Civil War against the Bolsheviks in 1918." He is also fired with a lifelong hatred of communism.

It was in the tightly-knit White Russian community in London that he

"I confess to a strong identification with the cause of the Cossacks"

first learnt of the terrible fate of the Cossacks at the hands of Stalin.

His research among wartime records and from emigré survivors of the massacres led him to conclude: "A terrible crime had undoubtedly taken place."

As his inquiries continued, Tolstoy had no reservations about naming the men he thought were responsible for their deaths. He unhesitatingly accused the late Harold Macmillan, the Minister Resident in the Mediterranean in 1945, of being a war criminal — even though, at the time the accusation was made *Macmillan was a frail and sick old man.*

"He has a maniacal obsession about this aspect of history," said Andrei Navrozov, the Russian-born writer and literary journalist and a friend of Tolstoy. "He is a very scrupulous man who has an obsession with this particular period. He feels very personally about this and will agonise about these things practically nobody else cares about. I tend to trust him."

Tolstoy, aged 53, is the son of a Russian-born QC who came to Britain in 1920. He was educated at Wellington and Trinity College, Dublin. When he was still young he became aware of the fate of the Cossacks from contacts within the Russian community. "He keeps in touch with Russians not just because of his roots, but as a researcher, because he is a professional and wants to know as much as possible," Mr Navrozov said.



JULIAN HERBERT

Man with a mission: Count Tolstoy in the grounds of his Oxfordshire home.

"Here is a man who is really putting himself on the line for an idea that seems abstract for 99.99 per cent of people. He really cares about what happened," he added.

In spite of being known as a twentieth-century historian, he has also written the history of his family, *The Tolstoys: Twenty Four Generations of Russian History 1355 - 1983* and a study of the legendary character of Merlin in *The Quest for Merlin.*

A novel, according to Mr Giles Gordon, his literary agent, is long overdue because of the court case.

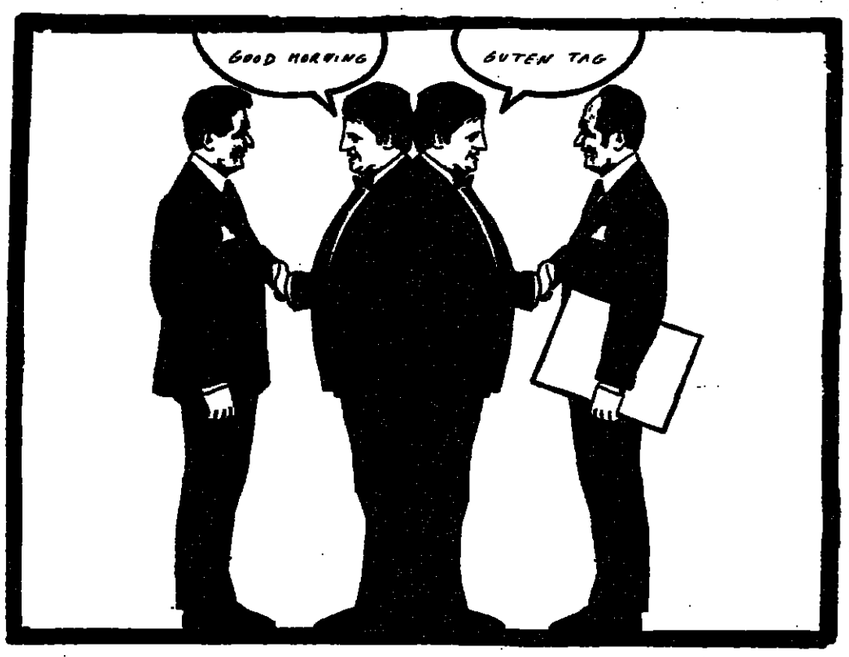
"He is a very, very serious historian and this is an obsession in the sense that he believes it absolutely and it has dominated his life," Mr Gordon said. "The reason he has become involved is partly because he cares passionately about historical truth and accuracy and partly because of his own background."

A somewhat contradictory man, Tolstoy lives in the style of an English country gentleman, but he has pursued his campaign against Lord Aldington with a single-mindedness, some would say ruthlessness, that would be more at home in the court of a Romanov Tsar.

"He is so wrapped up in this it is impossible for him to look beyond the verdict," Mr Nazrozov said shortly before the jury gave their verdict.

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ALDINGTON LIBEL CASE

Peer tells why he signed order for the Yugoslavs to be sent back

'I didn't expect massacre, just trial under Tito'

By Michael Evans
Defence Correspondent

It was not supposed to be an historical inquisition. But the libel case brought by Lord Aldington, former deputy chairman of the Conservative Party, educated at Winchester and Oxford, and a decorated wartime officer, inevitably became an arena for bitter accusations.

The Tory peer, aged 75, was "on trial" for events that occurred when he was 31-year-old Brigadier Toby Low, Brigadier General Staff (or chief of staff) to V Corps in Southern Austria in 1945.

Lord Aldington's case has lways been that neither he nor his superiors at V Corps which had the responsibility for "clearing the area" of hundreds of thousands of prisoners – Germans, as well as Cossacks and non-Partisan Yugoslavs who had fought on their side against their own countrymen – had any indication that they would be slaughtered. But was there not some fear about the fate awaiting them after they had been carted off on rail wagons by British soldiers?

Lord Aldington, in an interview with *The Times*, said: "There was a feeling that they were going to a worse future. Field Marshal Alexander had used that expression which we didn't know about at the time that if they were sent back it would be bad for their health. We also knew a lot of them would be treated roughly. But if we had had traitors, they would have been given fierce punishment too. So it didn't seem wrong to send the traitors back, provided they were put on trial. In the Yugoslavs' case I was fairly certain that those who were sent back to Tito would be tried.

"We had had two signals. One was an intelligence report sent on May 16 which said that assurances had been given that the returned Croats would be divided between those who would be tried for war crimes and those who would be put to work on the farms. There was another similar report on the 19th."

What Lord Aldington did not know then but has learnt since was that Tito himself had issued an order on May 13 1945 to his 3rd and 4th Armies with instructions on how to handle the prisoners of war.

> I didn't know much about Tito except that he was our glorious ally

The signal is among a mass of dusty files and documents in the war archives of the Yugoslav Institute of Military History in Belgrade. It was discovered by Brigadier Anthony Cowgill, who with three other researchers has been examining the whole case of the returned Yugoslavs and Cossacks. Their two-volume report will be published in the next few weeks.

Tito's signal reads: "Take the most energetic measures and at all costs prevent the killing of POWs and those arrested by units, organizations or individuals. If among the POWs and arrested people are persons who could be responsible for war crimes, they should be turned over with due acknowledgement to military courts for further treatment."

Lord Aldington said: "It was clear that none of us were such thugs that we would send people back to be massacred. Some people may charge us with a little naivety but that's with hindsight. I didn't know much about Tito except that he was our glorious ally.

"Some people had been told that the Yugoslavs were frightened. That didn't surprise me. After all why had they fled into Austria? It was because they were frightened. Tito had been victorious and they had fought against him, so they didn't want to end up in his clutches. But we didn't expect massacres, just trials."

Brigadier Cowgill who with his team spent three years uncovering 300 documents, said: "The signal I found was a genuine order from Tito. So why the massacre? The only answer is that there was a reign of terror going on. Things got out of hand." The involvement of Brigadier Toby Low in the handling of the prisoners of war in Southern Austria began soon after V Corps entered the country from Italy on May 8 1945. There was chaos everywhere. Thousands of Royalist Yugoslavs had fled into Austria to escape Tito forces. Like the Cossacks, fleeing from the Communists at the end of the war, they all wanted to surrender to the British. Brigadier Low's main task at that time was to try to cope with the Titoists who were pushing their boundary claims to the limit and beyond. A signal was sent which stated boldly that unless British forces could open fire on Tito's troops to keep them at bay, the situation would be out of control.

It was at that point that Harold Macmillan arrived on the scene. He arrived on May 12 at Treviso, the headquarters of the 8th Army where he saw General Richard McCreery, the commanding officer, and Lt General John Harding, commander of 13 Corps. Macmillan was then asked to go to Klagenfurt, headquarters of V Corps which he did the following day.

Macmillan saw General Keightley. "I think it was at the airport," Lord Aldington said. "I wasn't there. Charles Keightley briefed me that evening and then went to see Marshal Tolbukhin, the Soviet commander in Austria, about getting rid of the Cossacks to them.

"We compiled an update of the situation after Keightley's discussions with the Russians and how we needed to clear the area and sent a signal off to 8th Army at 15 minutes past midnight on the evening of the 14th. It was heavily ciphered. It mentioned Titoists but we were not conscious at that time of the pressing nature of the anti-Tito Yugoslavs but we were aware of the pressing nature of the surrendered prisoners. I don't remember being specifically worried about what to do with the anti-Tito Yugoslavs, although obviously there must have been some there."

He added: "I was worried about the whole mass of people. We said to the 8th Army – here is the problem, we would like to get rid of them as soon as possible. Either they should be sent to Italy or to their own homes. As for the Cossacks, we said there was no point in keeping a large number of Soviet nationals who were obviously a source of contention with the Russians.

"We needed authorization from 8th Army. We did not receive any orders or instructions from any minister, only from Commander 8th Army. The policy, as we knew it then, was that Russian nationals, including Cossacks, had to be returned to Russia (under the 1945 Yalta Agreement), whereas dissident Yugoslavs were to be treated as surrendered personnel and held pending a governmental decision on their disposal."

The ruling on the Yugoslavs changed after a signal - AFHQ FX 75383 - was sent on May 14 from General Robertson, who was the Chief Administrative Officer at Allied Forces headquarters. "He said we were to hand over to Tito's forces all Yugoslav nationals who had been fighting in uniform with the Germans," Lord Aldington said. "All Russian nationals were also to be sent back at once. It was left to us how this was achieved, whether by force or other methods of persuasion. When at a later stage, after I had left, a restriction was placed on the use of force for repatriation, V Corps was still under orders to repatriate these people whether they wished it or not.

"In fact, V Corps policy towards all surrendered personnel was to avoid the use of force and to avoid provoking the need to use force. There were humane reasons for this and there were practical ones, too. The surrendered persons greatly outnumbered us and we didn't want to take large numbers of soldiers off other duties to be guards and sentries.

"We had a duty, however distasteful, to hand these specified people over and we had to hand them over whether they liked it or not. This was the policy of AFHQ, 8th Army and V Corps while I was in Austria (he left on May 22)."

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But why were the so-called camp followers sent, too, including women and children? Lord Aldington said: "I signed the order for the camp followers to go too. But I was a young Brigadier. I didn't run the Corps. Any orders I was involved in were orders from the general. Any major policy decision would command the general's support too. But it was reasonable to send the camp followers. We didn't expect them to be massacred. So I didn't think it was wrong to send them back. It was in fact a concession, so the families could be with the troops. We thought they wished to go with their soldiers. The 8th Army knew they were all being sent back. It was quite a business to move the first batch of Croats to the station and onto the trains. The first lot went on May 19. Of course we knew that many did not wish to go to Yugoslavia, because they had been fighting for the enemy. We did not want to use force and so far as I am aware no force was used to repatriate Yugoslav nationals."

The case of the Cossacks was different. As Mr Charles Gray, Lord Aldington's counsel, said in court, "substantial violence" was used by British soldiers to force the Cossacks on to the trains. "But by then I had left Austria and returned to England," Lord Aldington said. "I had drawn up on May 21 the definitions of Russians to be returned, excluding some like the White Russians of the Russian Schutz Corps, because they had been living in Yugoslavia for many years and were not treated as either Russian or Yugoslav nationals." No Cossack was returned until May 29.

The crucial signal that laid out the new policy on the Cossacks and Yugoslavs was sent out on May 17. It was signed by Brigadier Low. It is recorded in War Office file 170/4241. It includes these words: ".....these forces will be disarmed immediately but will not be told of their destination."

Mr Nigel Nicolson, formerly an intelligence officer with the 1st Guards Brigade claimed in court that the order from Lord Aldington to return to Tito's forces all Yugoslav nationals in the V Corps area as soon as possible, was "one of the most disgraceful operations any British troops anywhere had been ordered to undertake." He said he wished he had disobeyed orders, even if it had led to court martial.

One report of the massacres that followed the shipping of Yugoslavs across the border into the hands of the Communists produced a reaction from a Foreign Office official which, according to War Office file 170/4241 and FO file 371/48920, minuted on September 3 1945: "There is little doubt that there was an extensive and indiscriminate slaughter of the Yugoslav quisling troops; and it is distressing to reflect that they were passed across the frontier by British troops."

Lord Aldington, responding to the accusation of deception, said: "There was confusion in people's minds. Many of them thought they were going to Italy. But I didn't say they were to be told they were going to Italy. I don't know who said that. But when the rumour started, nothing was done to confirm or deny it. By not telling them of their destination we avoided having to use force.

"People say it was terrible to deceive them but it didn't seem like deceiving. It was a straightforward security matter, to avoid any violence. But there was no order to tell them a lie deliberately."

After the war Lord Aldington saw General Keightley (now dead) several times back in England. The general was godfather to his son. But he said the issue of sending the Yugoslavs and Cossacks back never came up. "I don't think Keightley knew of the massacres," he said. "I knew there had been some rough treatment but I didn't hear about the Yugoslav massacres until 1983 when Count Tolstoy contacted me and told me about it. I heard of the Cossack murders in about 1975."

> It was one of the most disgraceful operations our troops ever undertook

He added: "At the time we received no reliable information about their fate."

So is anyone to blame for what happened? "There was no blame to be attached to anyone over the Yugoslavs," Lord Aldington said, "unless we knew that there was going to be a massacre and we didn't. In the case of the Cossacks, you couldn't attach blame for honouring an allied agreement (the Yalta Agreement), which stipulated that all Soviet nationals should be returned."

He added: "There is a general impression that if the Cossacks had gone to Eisenhower (he said he was ready to accept them), everything would have been all right. But they would still have gone back and without much screening. Eisenhower would have sent them back.

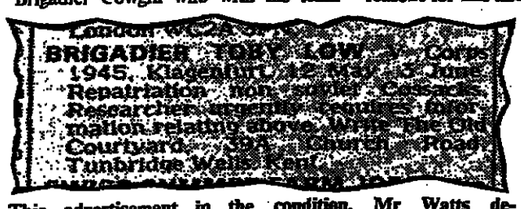
"Later in the year, in August, the British Army of the Rhine issued instructions that all remaining Russian nationals in their area were to be sent back and there was no limit on the amount of force to be used. So the awful feeling that we were thugs and all the rest were angels is historically inaccurate."


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Brigadier Toby Low (right), with General McCreery (left) and General Keightley at the liberation of Venice.



British troops accepting weapons handed in by the anti-Tito Chetniks after their surrender near Palmonova.



This advertisement in the classified columns of *The Times* on April 18, 1985, placed by Mr Nigel Watts first brought him into contact with Count Nikolai Tolstoy.

It stated that a researcher was seeking information on Brigadier Toby Low (Lord Aldington). It was placed by Mr Watts because of a bitter campaign he was mounting against the peer over an insurance claim.

When Mr Watts's brother-in-law slipped in his bathroom and died in 1975 his insurance company, Sun Alliance, had refused to pay out on a £50,000 policy to his widow because, they said, he had failed to reveal a change in his medical condition. Mr Watts demanded that Lord Aldington, then Sun Alliance's chairman, should intervene. When Lord Aldington backed the original decision not to pay out, Mr Watts began a relentless campaign of threatening letters and telephone calls.

Finally, he published the four-page pamphlet that falsely claimed that Lord Aldington was a war criminal.

Mr Watts was not in court for the decision after storming out on Tuesday.

On being told, he said he was unrepentant. However he added: "There are no funds available to even contemplate paying something like this. I have no assets."

Trial awakens terrible memories for Yugoslavs

From Dessa Trevisan, Kocevje

Throughout the eight weeks of evidence and cross-examination in the Aldington libel trial one stark fact was disputed by neither side: the terrible fate of tens of thousands of Yugoslav refugees who were massacred at the hands of Tito's partisans.

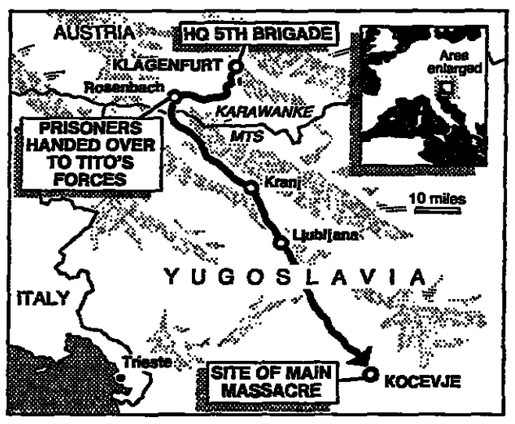
The libel hearing has reawakened memories here, and led to mounting public pressure for a full inquiry into the fate of more than 24,000 Yugoslavs who surrendered to the British.

Most of them, forcibly sent back into the hands of their enemies, were executed in the forests of the Slovenian mountains. Kocevski Rog was the central assembly point from where thousands were loaded on to lorries, their hands tied with wire, and taken to a deep pit where they were mown down by machine-gun fire.

Some of those who died had been Nazi collaborators but many were simply anti-communist nationalists whose only crime was that they were opposed to Tito.

Forty four years after the atrocities, this thickly forested area is still tightly sealed. No civilian is allowed to go there; although it is rumoured locally that the Yugoslav Army uses the forest as a training ground or for the storage of military supplies.

To hide the mass graves the execution pits, some 30 metres deep, were later bulldozed and fresh trees planted, but the atrocities are still whispered about in the surrounding villages. The Aldington case has encouraged fresh inquiries and prompted the Slovene weekly youth paper, *Mladina*, to resume its search for witnesses among former partisans who actually took part in the executions. One witness to the massacre, who wished to remain anonymous, confirmed that prisoners were tied together with wire before the executions at the pits, which went on for a week.



Only recently have harrowing details of the mass killings begun to emerge here publicly. One group of Slovene refugees was executed at Grezarjevo near Ljubljana. Over 1,000 bodies were thrown into a pit which was then covered with quicklime and cemented over.

A year or so later the area flooded after a heavy rainstorm and the concrete cracked. Blood began to flow from the site, cattle refused to drink the water and local peasants, who knew nothing of the killings, discovered scores of decaying corpses.

But much remains hidden. Two crucial witnesses, Mr Ivan Macek, former head of the police and a powerful political figure for decades, and Mr Mitja Ribicic, one-time Yugoslav premier, remain silent. They were directly responsible for the treatment of prisoners after the War.

Miss Spomneka Hribar, a Slovene intellectual who has been compiling evidence about the mass murder of her countrymen, is campaigning for a monument to be erected to all the war victims as a symbol to warn that never again should Slovene fight against Slovene.

Those who took part in the executions, Miss Hribar believes, vowed never to reveal the facts of what they saw. But, she said, the truth is now emerging fast and the Aldington case has helped to make the Yugoslav public aware of the crimes at last.

Soldier's thoughts reflect atmosphere of fateful Carinthian spring

By Sir David Hunt

The conclusion of the case brought by Lord Aldington concerning the repatriation of Cossacks and Yugoslavs from Austria has prompted memories of the time I spent in the late spring of 1945 in the beautiful province of Carinthia.

I commanded the Historical Section of the Central Mediterranean Forces, which settled down in Millstatt to produce the first draft of the official history of the Italian campaign.

The province was full, indeed overfull, of soldiers. As well as our own troops – I was in the area of the 78th Division – old friends from Italy and surrendered German troops, there were also a Cossack cavalry division, two Hungarian cavalry divisions and large numbers of formations from the erstwhile independent state of Croatia, from Serbia, all anti-Titoists, and the German-sponsored Home Guards from Slovenia.

What chiefly exacerbated the inevitable tension was the presence of 16,000 troops from Tito's Yugoslav 1st, 2nd and 3rd Armies. The Yugoslavs hoped and intended to stay. Carinthia had, and still has, a sizeable Slovene minority. The cities of Celovec (Klagenfurt) and Beljak (Villach) were claimed for Yugoslavia.

In Klagenfurt the Yugoslav authorities issued proclamations and requisitioned property; on May 18 it was reported that their 4th Army had assembled 125,000 men just south of the border and was pushing two or three divisions towards Villach. Tito planned to annex south-eastern Carinthia from Austria and Venezia Giulia, including Trieste, from Italy.

The situation around Trieste was particularly difficult, and Field Marshal Alexander was forced to contemplate, with horror, the possibility of hostilities with Yugoslavia, which might have been backed by the Soviet Union.

He felt obliged to report that his troops had "formed a profound admiration for Tito's partisan army. We must be very careful therefore before we ask them to turn away from the common enemy to fight an ally." What was worse was that they might have to be asked to fight alone, for President Truman had told the Prime Minister that he wished "to avoid having American forces used to fight Yugoslav forces".

It was natural that V Corps, the British command in Carinthia, of which Lord Aldington was Brigadier, General Staff, should wish to clear their front before so dreadful an exigency overtook them. Towards the Russians in their area they were bound by the Yalta agreement governing repatriation. There were no such written agreements covering the Yugoslavs, but it was natural to suppose their treatment would be similar.

What happened to the Russians and the Yugoslavs is well known. I am principally concerned here with the attitude taken by the troops to the repatriations, a subject on which I can speak as a contemporary witness, subject of course to the fading of memory after nearly 45 years. The predominant emotion was pleasure at the war being over at last, coupled with a certain surprise, if my own feelings are anything to go by, at having survived it. I have quoted what Alexander had said about the troops' admiration and sympathy for the partisans. No commander was a better judge of his own men's feelings. It followed that they held precisely the reverse feelings towards Tito's opponents.

Whatever the special reasons that had inspired them, they had fought shoulder to shoulder with the Germans against our friends, the gallant partisans whom we had backed and whose prowess in the cause of freedom had been lauded. They had also fought against the Red Army, and in 1945 the Red Army was immensely popular.

If, as was the case with most of them, they had fought for anti-communist rather than pro-German motives, that won them little sympathy because, as the general election would shortly show, the army was in a very anti-Conservative mood, admired Uncle Joe Stalin and had the highest hopes of permanent friendly relations with the Soviet Union.

The Cossack division seemed an even clearer case. It was not generally known at the time, because the fact was little publicized, that the Russian Army raised by the ex-Soviet General Vlasov greatly outnumbered all the other collaborationist forces who fought with the Germans, whether from France, Belgium, Holland or Scandinavia. The troops in Austria had already met one Russian division in Italy, the 162nd Turkoman Division. The Cossack division consisted of Cumans, brought to north-eastern Italy with their families, having apparently been promised land. In return, they performed occupation and security duties in Venezia Giulia and in the neighbouring area of Slovenia. They had been guilty of great atrocities. The Italians called them "the Mongols".

It is known now that the great bulk of the rank and file had joined the Vlasov army because the alternative was a likely death by starvation in a German prison camp. I doubt whether such knowledge would have had much effect. The troops engaged in putting Cossacks and their dependants on to transport no doubt felt compunction; but they all obeyed their orders.

Only a few were aware these Cossacks included a small minority of men who had not been Russian citizens when the war began and who should not have been repatriated. Most people were ready to believe they would receive justice, if rough justice, on their return home. They also thought their return would speed up the release of British prisoners by the Russians.

The responsibility for what happened, and the grounds for allotting it to individuals, have been fought over in various books, and now in the courts, to the accompaniment of accusations of conspiracy and war crimes. In these personal memories I have tried to present an appreciation of the atmosphere that prevailed at the time.

Tebbit urges MPs to vote in leadership election

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit warned Conservative MPs yesterday that by abstaining in the leadership election they might be damaging their own chances of re-election.

The former party chairman intervened as the first shots were fired in the contest in which MPs will vote on Tuesday. When nominations closed yesterday Mrs Margaret Thatcher and Sir Anthony Meyer, MP for Clwyd North West, were the only contenders.

Mr Edward Heath, the former prime minister, described Thatcherism as an "aberration" but said he was optimistic that what he called a Conservative philosophy would return in the 1990s.

In a BBC Radio interview, Mr Heath said that people felt enough had been turned upside down and that the country required a period of stability.

However, Mr Tebbit, writing in the *Evening Standard*, said the only party which could unseat the Government was the Conservative Party. Party workers were right when they said it was time the Conservative Party, particularly some MPs, "sobered up" and asked themselves whether their antics were more likely to entrench or undermine the Conservative values on which three successive elections had been won.

As Mrs Thatcher's campaign began in low-key fashion, and Sir Anthony insisted that he was not running a campaign at all, an intensive period of consultations, now required by the election rules, got under way.

Constituency associations are required to inform MPs of their views. Conservative peers held a meeting yesterday afternoon and their views will be passed on to a meeting of the 1922 Committee Executive next Monday, as will those of the party in the country.

Area chairmen of the Conservative National Union obtain the views of the constituencies, including those not represented by Conservative MPs. Tory MEPs at Strasbourg are also consulted for the first time.

Mrs Thatcher's campaign team is being led by Mr George Younger, the former Secretary of State for Defence. He and a group of colleagues will be spending the next few days quietly trying to win over the wavering voters to ensure that the number of MPs failing to vote for Mrs Thatcher does not exceed 50.

They believe that if the figure reaches 70 or 80, which many MPs on both wings of the party believe to be possible, her position will be damaged.

Meanwhile, Sir Anthony said it would be unthinkable to have another Conservative leadership election next year. "It has to be now or never," he said. Interviewed on *The Parliament Programme* on Channel 4 after the close of nominations, he said he was challenging not for the leadership of the party but Mrs Thatcher's leadership.

"What I am trying to do is to give people the opportunity of voting democratically as they have now begun to do even in eastern Europe."

● The House of Commons will be asked to modernize the way it deals with European legislation to give MPs the power to influence decision-making in Brussels (Sheila Gunn writes).

The Commons procedure committee has demanded radical reforms in the machinery for dealing with the rising flood of EC documents.

It also warns ministers not to sign EC agreements without Parliament's consent and to explain their stance before going to council meetings instead of reporting decisions afterwards.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, deputy Prime Minister and Leader of the House, has guaranteed that the recommendations "will receive careful and positive consideration" by the Government.

Blue Angel crime fighters visit their new beat

TED BATH



Mr John Dellow, deputy commissioner of the Metropolitan Police (right), and Chief Supt Roger Street with Scotland Yard's new community volunteers, who were presented yesterday to the Gypsy Hill area of south London, where they will serve.

The volunteers, nicknamed the Blue Angels and given special uniforms, will be managed by a community trust and will work under the direction of local police (Stewart Tendler writes).

They are intended to tap the public enthusiasm that greeted the Guardian Angels from New York earlier this year. Mr Dellow, who conceived the idea of the volunteers, said: "I don't want them to intervene or 'have a go' if it's going to be a danger to them." The new group will work with local voluntary groups helping victims of crime and tackling environmental issues.

The 10 volunteers will be led by Mrs Stephanie Hodges, aged 34, a mother of two children, who joined after working with a police summer project for local youngsters. She said: "I just want to help the community. I don't want my children to grow up in an area where people are afraid to go out alone at night."

Miss Maria O'Flynn, aged 16, an accounts administrator, also from Gypsy Hill, said she joined to help the elderly, handicapped and one-parent families.

Asked what she would do if she saw someone being attacked, she said: "I would go to the nearest phone and contact the police and try to help the person being attacked until the police arrived."

Shooting victim bought guns for IRA

By Edward Gorman
Irish Affairs Correspondent

The British and Irish governments met in Dublin yesterday for the first Anglo-Irish conference since the early summer not dominated by security issues and the leaking of intelligence information. Both sides viewed the meeting as a chance to broaden the scope of discussions in a more relaxed atmosphere. The delegations, led by Mr Peter Brooke, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, and Mr Gerard Collins, the Irish Foreign Minister, discussed cross-border ventures in industry and tourism which would qualify for part of £500 million in European Community funds. In a joint communiqué, both sides reaffirmed their commitment to dialogue and condemned recent terrorist attacks in Northern Ireland.

A Catholic bar owner shot dead with a customer late on Wednesday night in Co Tyrone was a known republican activist who was convicted in a New York court in 1985 on charges of buying rifles for the IRA.

Liam John Ryan, aged 39, who was married with a 12-week-old baby, died instantly after being shot in the head at point-blank range as he answered the door of his pub, the Battery Bar, at Ardboe near Coagh on the shores of Lough Neagh.

Last night the outlawed Ulster Volunteer Force, a Protestant paramilitary organization, claimed responsibility for the killings.

Local Sinn Fein councillors said Ryan had recently been told by police that his photograph and personal details were on a restricted security force document, which had gone missing and was possibly in the hands of "loyalist" paramilitaries.

Reports yesterday said Ryan appeared in court in Brooklyn in April 1985 charged with buying guns under a false name.

He was later convicted and given a four-year suspended sentence for buying three rifles from a New York gun dealer in 1982.

The guns were found by US customs agents in a cache allegedly intended for shipment to the IRA. Ryan, who had earlier become an American citizen, returned to Northern Ireland four years ago when he took over the Battery Bar.

A customer who died alongside him was named yesterday as Mr Michael Devlin. It was the first time Mr Devlin had been to the bar, where he had been playing in a darts match.

The victims bring to 60 the number of people killed in the troubles in Northern Ireland so far this year.

Before the UVF claim of responsibility, local people in the predominantly Catholic community, which has a history of sectarian violence and murder, said they were convinced a "loyalist" paramilitary group was responsible.

Mr Sean Begley, Sinn Fein councillor for Cookstown, said Ryan had been threatened by members of the police. "I have no doubt there was Crown force involvement — probably RUC involvement — it was a very professional job," he said.

Police spokesmen would not comment on Sinn Fein's allegations.

There was speculation that Ryan's murder was retaliation for the murder of three local Protestants at a garage in Coagh near by by the IRA last March.

The provisionals claimed one of their victims, Mr Leslie Dallas, who was the owner of the garage, was a top member of the UVF.

The IRA said their other intended victims were two Ulster Defence Regiment soldiers who were expected to be on the premises at the time. In fact, as a result of what the IRA called "genuine confusion", Mr Leslie Rankin, a partially sighted man aged 72, and Mr Austin Nelson, aged 62, who were walking past the garage, were killed.

Last night police said it was still not clear how many gunmen were involved in Wednesday's attack or how they made their getaway.

● The wife of a man killed by an RUC plastic bullet won undisclosed damages at Belfast High Court yesterday.

Mrs Brenda Downes sued the Chief Constable of the RUC and the Northern Ireland Police Authority over the death of her husband aged 22.

Sean Downes died after police moved in to arrest the banned Noraid spokesman Mr Martin Galvin at a Sinn Fein rally in West Belfast in 1985. Damages were believed to be in the range of £25,000.

PORTFOLIO PLATINUM

There were no valid claims for yesterday's Times Portfolio Platinum competition.

Firebomb found in rucksack

Welsh terrorists who have been waging a 10-year firebomb campaign against the English almost claimed their first victims yesterday.

Mr David Alcock, director of a mountain activities centre at Capel Curig, in Snowdonia, north Wales, said that two innocent people had picked up a rucksack containing an incendiary device under a car outside the building and one of them had rummaged casually through it.

The bomb was found only when a man claiming to represent the "Sons of Glyndwr" rang the local Samaritans. Two other similar devices were found on yachts in Caernarvon and Conwy harbours. All three were made safe by disposal experts.

Burning ban

Straw and stubble burning is to be banned after 1992 in a move to reduce air pollution and nuisance to road-users and non-farming country dwellers, Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, announced yesterday.

Fly direct

American Airlines, the world's biggest commercial carrier, said yesterday that it will start a daily non-stop service between Chicago and Glasgow from May if it gets government approval.

Rooms to let

Building societies and other lenders were urged by the Government yesterday to spell out clearly borrowers' rights to take in lodgers as a way of reducing homelessness.

Survival fear

The survival of local government is the most pressing issue for councillors and town hall officials, according to a survey by *Municipal Journal*.

NHS research

The King's Fund Institute, a health policy think tank, is providing £500,000 to fund five independent pilot studies over the next two years to assess the Government's health service reforms.

Road deaths

There were 5,052 deaths on Britain's roads last year, the lowest for 35 years, according to Department of Transport figures released yesterday. However, casualties among pedestrians rose to 1,753.

Association challenges immunity of lawyers

By Frances Gibb, Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Consumers' Association is to press for the abolition of the immunity that lawyers enjoy against being sued for negligence over their conduct of cases in court.

The association plans to table a new clause to the Courts and Legal Services Bill, to be promoted for them by Lord Allen of Abbeydale, which would abolish the common law immunity that applies to barristers and solicitors.

At present, clients cannot sue a barrister or solicitor over work done in court or for preliminary work closely tied to the case.

The Bill, to be published next week, plans to preserve the immunity and to extend it to all advocates recognized under the new training requirements for granting higher advocacy rights to solicitors.

Mr David Tench, legal officer of the association, said: "Much of the Bill focuses on rights of audience and who should be advocates. We think that equally significant is the responsibility of advocates to their clients."

The immunity was the subject of two House of Lords rulings several years ago which said advocates should be immune from negligence actions over court work, although the rulings also established that this immunity did not extend to other work. Mr Tench said: "One of the reasons cited for this immunity is that to allow clients to sue would mean 're-litigating' the issues. But better re-litigate than no justice."

Another reason cited for preserving the immunity, he said, was that the advocate's duty to the court was paramount, and that if he was "always looking over his shoulder" he would be inhibited as to exercising this duty fearlessly and independently.

"What we say to that is if an advocate takes a certain line because of his duty to the court, he is never going to be held to be negligent.

"No judge would uphold such a claim, where the advocate had put his duty to the court before that to the client."

But yesterday Mr Niall Morison, secretary to the Bar Council, said the Bar would be very concerned at the prospects of advocates being able to be sued for their work in court.

"I think this would lead to cases being brought on cases being brought on cases and so on.

"If somebody lost a case, he might think it was because of the way the advocate presented the case, without necessarily appreciating the importance of the advocate representing the interests not of the client but of the court."

There was always the appeals procedure, he said; or, if the client felt there had been negligence, there were the Bar disciplinary procedures which ultimately could lead to the barrister having to forgo or remit fees.

In response to the Lord Chancellor's Green Paper proposing reforms to the legal profession, two thirds of the 45 respondents who commented on immunity supported retaining it, and most of the rest — mainly the public and consumer groups — opposed the immunity. A small proportion were neutral.

At present, negligent preparation and advocacy are matters of professional misconduct. Complaints against barristers' work in court, for example, must be pursued through the Bar disciplinary procedures. But some people argue this remedy is insufficient.



Lord Allen of Abbeydale: Promoting new clause.

Ideas for worship 'bizarre'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Editor

Suggestions for novel forms of Christian worship designed to meet the needs of working class parishes, children and black people were greeted with fierce opposition by traditionalists in the Church of England yesterday.

The suggestions, which included spotlighting the pulpit during a sermon, and for children, a reader sitting in an armchair to signify a story was being told, were described as "bizarre" and "quite appalling" by Mr Anthony Kilmister, chairman of the Prayer Book Society.

The new services are to be presented for approval to the General Synod of the Church of England next year. In a report published yesterday the Liturgical Commission said many church services had been found to be too "abstract and theoretical". Services should be available which were more "tangible".

Speaking on BBC Radio's *Today* programme, Mr Kilmister condemned the report as condescending towards city parishes and said the simplified language proposed "talked down" to them. Many black pentecostal churches still preferred to use the authorized version of the Bible, he said.

Far from accepting the criticism that church services were becoming "trendy", the report suggests they are not trendy enough. Another proposal is that when a service calls for a proclamation the reader could stand on a soapbox. A long reading could be broken up by music or a Bible story could be presented in a dramatic form.

Bible readings were often "boring and unimaginative", the report states. "The church should rediscover the excitement of reading the scriptures in worship as something that makes the People of God what they are."

None of these innovations should be at the whim of the local clergyman, however, and the Bishop of Winchester, the Right Rev Colin James, who is the commission's chairman, said they needed to be properly regulated by the church. Some of the key features of the liturgy, such as the creeds, should remain in their standard versions, and it was not intended to supplant either the Book of Common Prayer or the Alternative Service Book.

The report includes the draft of four possible variations of the service of Holy Communion which are designed to be useful when children are in the congregation in any numbers, though it decided against producing services designed exclusively for children.

The commission was also concerned that family services had proliferated to an extent which needed greater control by the church.

Patterns for Worship (Church House Publishing; £10.50).

Jobs boom

Older graduates face exploitation

Job prospects for mature students have never looked so good, according to the latest figures, but experts said yesterday that older graduates were often exploited and were not being offered positive career guidance by employers (Sam Kiley, Higher Education Correspondent, writes).

Statistics published by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services show that graduates who leave a polytechnic or higher education college between the ages of 35 and 39 are less likely to be unemployed than the traditional graduate aged less than 25.

Likewise, 5.4 per cent of those who graduated in 1987 from universities between the ages of 25 and 29 were unemployed, compared to 6.1 per cent of those under 25.

However, the picture is less rosy for those who go back to college later in life and are over 50 when they leave — 20 per cent of those from a polytechnic or college, and 15.7 per cent from universities, faced life on the dole.

Mr Keith Dugdale, chairman of Agcas, said yesterday that although employers were looking more favourably on mature graduates "it is essential to look at what type of jobs they are doing, and what their career structure is like". He said that large numbers of older people entering the job market with degrees were being given jobs for which they were overqualified.

Courses in financial management and business studies have experienced a slump in popularity in the wake of successive stock market crashes; history emerged as the most popular course applied for in 1987-88 compared to financial management in the previous year. Business studies fell from sixth to twelfth place, the Universities Central Council on Admissions said. The most popular engineering subject in 1987-88 was mechanical at fifteenth.

"I'VE PUT MY SON DOWN FOR THE EDRADOUR"

Regarding the severe shortage of our 10 year old Highland malt (an unavoidable result of the virtually hand-made methods by which it is distilled), an interesting story has come to light of an enterprising gentleman who, wishing to ensure its future availability and enjoyment for his recently-born son, contacted his stockist and put the child's name down for a whole case of The Edradour. For delivery in the year 2007.

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Famine appeal go-ahead

By Paul Wilkinson

The BBC and Independent Broadcasting Authority have agreed to broadcast an appeal for famine relief in Ethiopia.

Aid organizations had accused them of delaying a decision, first requested a week ago, but yesterday the networks said the broadcast would now go ahead.

The five-minute appeal will be shown on Monday night on ITV at the end of *News at Ten* and the following evening on BBC after the *Nine O'Clock News*. Radio 4 will also carry it on Tuesday at the close of the *World At One*.

It means that the charities can now go ahead with plans to launch their appeal nationally.

Mr Paul Redfern, of Christian Aid, said: "We are delighted the networks have agreed at last to go ahead with the broadcast."

Both the IBA and the BBC have been under pressure from the public and from the Disasters Emergency Committee, representing Save The Children, the Catholic Fund for Overseas Development, the Red Cross, Christian Aid and Oxfam, which asked last Friday for airtime.

The charities were distressed by the delay because it meant they could not capitalize on television news footage from Ethiopia.

With a television announcement of their appeal they could expect donations running into millions; without it, it would be only thousands.

ITV and the BBC had deferred a decision until next week, but mounting public awareness of the situation has forced an early decision.

The broadcasters had expressed concern that most of the relief would be directed to areas held by rebel groups and were therefore worried that it might fall into the wrong hands.

Mr Redfern said: "We were able to convince them that the only way to get aid in quickly was through the two organizations on the ground, the Eritrean Relief Association and the Relief Society of Tigre, which we have dealt with successfully over several years."

The appeal will be backed up by newspaper advertisements over the weekend.

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Hamilton defends war pensions

By Ruth Gledhill

Mr Archie Hamilton, the Defence Minister, rejected criticisms of the Government's war widows pensions policy in a letter to all 650 MPs at the Commons.

He insisted that war widows were not "the victims of disregard and neglect" by the Government and said the Government recognized that war widows "deserve to be treated more generously than others".

However, the letter was strongly attacked by campaigners.

Nearly a quarter of MPs have now signed a Commons motion calling for parity for war widows whose husbands died before 1973.

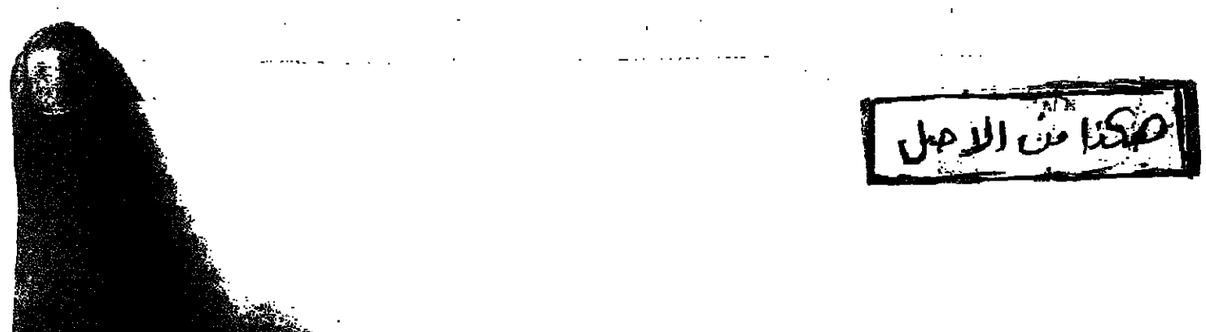
The latest MPs to add their names are:

John McFall (Lab) Dumbarton; Harry Greenway (Con) Ealing N; Sir John Stokes (Con) Halesowen & Stourbridge; Jerry Hayes (Con) Harlow; Maria Fyfe (Lab) Maryhill; Rosie Barnes (SDP) Greenwich; Archy Kirkwood (Lib Dem) Roxburgh & Berwickshire; Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Con) Selly Oak; Gerald Steinberg (Lab) City of Durham; Ronald Davis (Lab) Caerphilly; Simon Hughes (Lib Dem) Southwark and Bermondsey; Ray Michie (Lib Dem) Argyll & Bute; Roy Beggs (UUP) Antrim E; Michael Latham (Con) Rutland & Melton; Sir Russell Johnston (Lib Dem) Inverness Nairn & Lochaber; William Cash (Con) Stafford; Richard Alexander (Con) Newark; Rupert Allason (Con) Torbay; Jeff Rooker (Lab) Perry Barr; David Alton (Lib Dem) Mossley Hill John Fraser (Lab) Norwood; Emma Nicholson (Con) Devon W & Torridge; Jack Thompson (Lab) Wansbeck; Thomas Graham (Lab) Renfrew W & Inverclyde; Jim Sillars (SNP) Glasgow Govan; John Garrett (Lab) Norwich S; Bruce Grocott (Lab) The Wrekin; Geraint Howells (Lib Dem) Ceredigion & Pembroke N; Austin Mitchell (Lab) Great Grimsby; Hilary Armstrong (Lab) Durham NW; Martin Flannery (Lab) Hillsborough; Stuart Bell (Lab) Middlesbrough; Alistair Darling (Lab) Edinburgh Central; Doug Hoyle (Lab) Warrington N; Ray Whitney (Con) Wycombe; Alan Beith (Lib Dem) Berwick-upon-Tweed; Menzies Campbell (Lib Dem) Fife NE; Charles Kennedy (Lib Dem) Ross, Cromarty & Skye; Matthew Taylor (Lib Dem) Truro; Diane Abbott (Lab) Hackney N & Stoke Newington; Eric Martlew (Lab) Carlisle; Gareth Wardell (Lab) Gower; Robin Corbett (Lab) Erdington; George Howarth (Lab) Knowsley North; Mrs Elizabeth Peacock (Con) Batley & Spen; Llin Golding (Lab) Newcastle-under-Lyme; Keith Raffan (Con) Delyn; Paul Murphy (Lab) Torfaen; Sir Peter Hordern (Con) Horsham; Stan Crowther (Lab) Rotherham; Paddy Ashdown (Lib Dem) Yeovil; Dr Lewis Moonie (Lab) Kirkaldy; David Marshall (Lab) Shettleston.

New names added to the amendments are:

Ian McCartney (Lab) Makerfield; John Cummings (Lab) Easington; Bernie Grant (Lab) Tottenham; James Wray (Lab) Provan; Dr Norman Godman (Lab) Greenock & Port Glasgow; Martyn Jones (Lab) Clwyd SW; Keith Bradley (Lab) Withington; Harry Cohen (Lab) Leyton; Elliot Morley (Lab) Glanford & Scunthorpe; Win Griffiths (Lab) Bridgend; Robert Litherland (Lab) Manchester Central; Frank Haynes (Lab) Ashfield; Bob Cryer (Lab) Bradford S; Kenneth Warren (Con) Hastings & Rye.

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Nuclear Electric's chief pledges to regain public faith

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A new company called Nuclear Electric was formed yesterday to manage Britain's Magnox and advanced gas-cooled reactor nuclear power stations, which will remain in the public sector when the electricity supply industry is privatized in April.

Mr John Collier, chairman of the new organization, said: "The basic objective will be to regain the confidence of the public in nuclear power by demonstrating that it is not only safe and environmentally clean, but also economic in the United Kingdom, as it is elsewhere in the world."

Mr Collier, who remains chairman of the Atomic Energy Authority, said that over the next five years, during which the Government had decided no new nuclear plant would be ordered, Nuclear Electric would assess possible future reactor systems for construction after the promised review in 1994.

He said the Government had not yet set the financial objectives for the company. He was therefore uncertain whether he would be required to operate on a 5 per cent return on assets or on the more recent figure of 8 per cent adopted by the Government for return on new capital investments in the public sector.

Mr Collier in effect rejected the arguments about the financial risks of nuclear power that led the Government to withdraw the Magnox and AGR reactors from privatization when the Central Electricity Generating Board is split into National Power and PowerGen.

He regretted the government action to defer a decision for five years on the possibility of building the second PWR-type pressurized water reactor at Hinkley Point, Somerset.

He said he was determined that the construction and commissioning of the first PWR, at Sizewell B, in Suffolk, would be completed on schedule and at its present cost estimates. That was one goal he had set for Nuclear Electric to achieve by 1994.

"Make no mistake about it, it is my ambition to build more nuclear stations then." Mr Collier said. "That faith underpins all the goals I am setting the company. I shall be doing my utmost to achieve this." Mr Collier argued that the threat of global warming through an increase in carbon dioxide emissions compelled the Government to press on with nuclear power.

He said coal-burning power stations were responsible for about 30 per cent of the Britain's annual carbon dioxide emissions.

Britain would be increasing carbon dioxide emissions by 75 per cent in the year 2020, but scientists were saying the emission had to be cut by half to minimize the greenhouse effect.

"So nuclear power has an important part to play," he said. "If not, we will be operating with less effective measures, which will not allow us to achieve these targets. It is vital nuclear power remains an option."

Other members of the board of the new company, announced yesterday by Mr John Wakeham, Secretary of State for Energy, are Mr Frank Ledger, deputy chairman; Mr Mark Baker, director for corporate affairs and personnel; and Mr Sam Goddard, director, construction and future programmes.

Ballet revives memory of stage stardom

NICK ROGERS



Lady Sainsbury (left) discusses with the designer Miss Tricia Guild plans to decorate the foyer of the Royal Opera House for a new production of The Prince of the Pagodas set to the music of Benjamin Britten. In 1957 Lady Sainsbury appeared as Princess Belle Rose (right) in an earlier production.

New knowledge 'must be treated with caution'

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

A warning against the hasty application of new scientific discoveries was issued yesterday by Professor Sir George Porter, president of the Royal Society.

He said it must be ensured that the new knowledge was also available to mitigate unforeseen errors and disasters such as depletion of the ozone layer, the greenhouse effect, chemical smog and acid rain.

In his anniversary address to the society, Sir George suggested that "like children with a new toy, we are inclined to play with our science before we properly understand it".

The address by the head of Britain's leading learned scientific society provided a review of the problems, progress and future of scientific research and education.

Sir George regretted the great divide which, he said, persisted in education after the age of 16 between the sciences and humanities.

He urged the Government to broaden the school syllabus to ensure a more balanced choice of subjects.

"The real sea change affecting science is part of a wider change of attitude and philosophy about the place of man in his environment," he said.

"The earlier conflicts of science were about the scientists' right to interfere with the works of his maker, as revealed and interpreted by his ministers."

He said some religious groups still sought to forbid the teaching of scientific views on the creation.

Of more immediate concern, others wished to impose their views on what constituted ethical behaviour in scientific research on the human embryo.

"Whilst respecting everybody's right to a personal view, we must, now as always, defend the rights of man to inquire into his nature and, through better understanding, to defend himself or herself against the miseries and brutalities of the natural world".

Sir George argued that as diseases were conquered and technological progress provided most material needs, the public desire for more science was dimmed and even agnostics sometimes worried that the scientist was interfering, not with the will of God, but with nature.

Yet with a burgeoning of populations of the world, the technologist had to feed people and guard and manage the planet at the same time, he said.

He described the 15 years it took for public acceptance of the concern expressed by scientists about the threat to the ozone layer as a lesson to resist pressure on the application of science at the expense of an understanding of the basic science.

He said it was feasible to ask people to forgo their hair-sprays and deodorants to save the ozone layer and ask chemists to find alternatives to CFCs.

It was a different matter to ask people to stop burning oil, gas and coal, or wood in the Third World, to reduce carbon dioxide emissions and avert the greenhouse effect.

SCIENCE REPORT

Role of gene in cancer is found

Researchers in Japan and the United States have found that the normal role of a gene that causes cancer when defective is to control cell division during fertilization.

In two papers in yesterday's issue of *Nature* (vol 342, pp 505-518), Noriyuki Sagata, of the Tsukuba Life Science Centre (RIKEN) in Tsukuba, Japan, and colleagues show that the protein made by a gene called c-mos keeps the egg cells of frogs from dividing at a specific point in the cell division cycle. Nothing further happens until a sperm comes along to "break the spell", in the words of Tim Hunt, of Cambridge University, in an editorial accompanying the two research papers.

The results are the latest from a very active research topic, the genetic control of cell division. A major goal is to find out what keeps a dividing cell from going awry, madly dividing until it becomes a cancerous tumour.

Nevertheless, a remaining problem is to explain how the natural role of c-mos is to stop cell division when in its other guise, as a cancer-causing gene, it promotes cell proliferation associated with cancer. Chromosomes in cells destined to become the sex cells — eggs and sperm — divide by a special process called meiosis. This is different from ordinary kind of cell division in that it allows for the possibility of recombination and the products are not ordinary cells, but egg and sperm cells with half the normal chromosomes.

On fertilization, egg and sperm unite to make a fertilized egg with a full chromosomal roster, but a different genetic complement from either parent. The fertilized egg then divides to form an embryo.

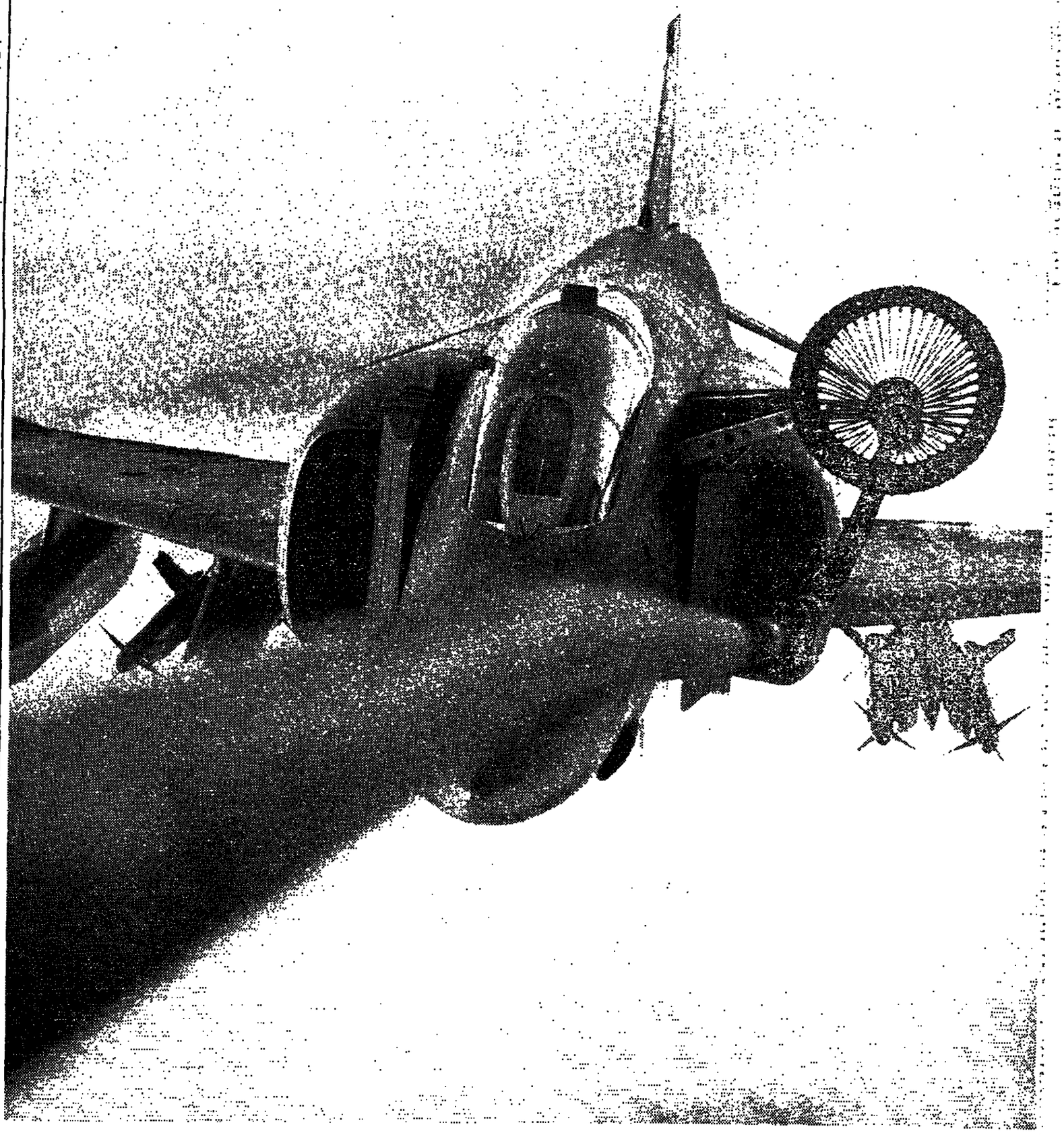
Chromosomes in presumptive egg cells, however, stop in a stage of meiosis called metaphase, and proceed no further until a sperm arrives on the scene.

Sagata and his colleagues show that c-mos protein in egg cells disappears after fertilization, destroyed by an enzyme called calpain. Cells that do not carry the c-mos protein carry on through metaphase without stopping, showing that it is indeed the c-mos protein that holds the cell in a pregnant pause.

Henry Gee

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First-class delivery standard for mail is appalling, MPs say

By Sheila Gunn, Political Reporter

The failure of nearly half the first-class mail in mainland Britain to arrive the next day has been described as deplorable by MPs.

The Commons trade and industry select committee found the Government partly to blame for the poor delivery because of restrictions on the Post Office's freedom to use profits for service improvements.

While ministers are considering the long-term future of the Post Office's services, including further privatization, the committee urges them to alter the controls on investment while retaining government control.

Introducing the report, Mr Kenneth Warren, chairman and Conservative MP for Hastings and Rye, complained that the Government creamed off the Post Office's profits.

Mr Robin Maxwell-Hyslop, another Conservative member, said that the Post Office could be legitimately taken to court under the Trade Descriptions Act for its service in many parts of the country.

A Mail Users Association survey showed that only 52.42 per cent of first-class mail was delivered the day after posting. Another Consumers' Association survey hinted at a decline in standards of service for local, medium and long-distance first-class letters since 1985.

The committee says: "We are alarmed not only by the poor quality of service but also by indications that the trend may be for a worse quality of service." It adds: "We recommend that the Post Office attach prime importance to achieving an acceptable standard of first-class mail service, in place of its present deplorable performance in that crucial field."

The Post Office argued yesterday that the latest monthly results showed that nearly 80 per cent of first-class mail was delivered the next day and, for letters posted within a 100-mile radius, the figure rose to 90 per cent.

"On letter quality of service, the Royal Mail is reflecting the committee's views in giving top priority to improving the quality and reliability of the letter mail service, backed by a £65 million investment programme.

We're beaten in reliability only by subsidized West German service

"Each of our 63 letter delivery districts has been set targets to achieve a substantial percentage improvement for the year."

An independent survey, the Post Office said, found the Royal Mail was the most consistently profitable service in Europe and provided "just about" the best value for money.

It was beaten in reliability only by the subsidized West German postal service, which charged 31p for a first-class stamp compared with 20p in Britain. The MPs say that deliveries in London and the South-east are also affected by staff problems.

With more than 60,000 man days lost annually through industrial action and radical changes in a labour-intensive industry, the committee wants more effort put into improving industrial relations.

Mr Warren said: "The problem the Post Office faces is high staff turnover in critical areas. It also has not organized itself as effectively as it should over the years."

The inquiry was mounted as part of the committee's decision to shadow the changes in the Post Office's structure, including the division into separate businesses, Royal Mail Letters, Royal Mail Parcels and Post Office Counters, and the sale of Girobank.

In its conclusion, the committee said: "Much has changed in the Post Office since our last report on it but many of the problems remain the same – the pace of change in the Post Office has been slow."

The committee recommends that Post Office Counters be given wider powers to sell more retail goods and offer financial services.

It suggests another way to relieve the squeeze on local post offices is to allow them to collect the poll tax.

House of Commons Trade and Industry Committee, Sixth report: The Post Office (Stationery Office, £7.40).

Aids sufferer welcomes visit by Queen

JAMES GRAY



The Queen, who met an Aids sufferer for the first time yesterday, watching as Mrs Thelma Giles, left, helps Mr Peter Thomson, apply cream to camouflage scars caused by skin cancer, a side-effect of Aids. Mr Thomson, aged 39, a volunteer with Front Liners, a self-help group for people with Aids, said visits by the Queen and the Princess of Wales showed the disease could no longer be categorized as twentieth-century leprosy.

Mrs Giles, a Red Cross volunteer, said the creams disguised scars left by the disease and helped people with Aids to lead a more independent life.

A guide published yesterday urged social workers to treat people with HIV without prejudice or hostility (Jill Sherman writes). The document, launched on the eve of World Aids Day by the Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, is aimed at helping social workers to cope with the problems of growing numbers of people who are HIV positive.

Those who are infected were increasingly turning to social services for help, but some departments were still reluctant to commit resources or acknowledge that new services were needed, and in some cases had shown prejudice and hostility.

The National Association of Citizens Advice Bureaux said the public seemed increasingly confused about HIV and Aids. "Our work indicates that Aids affects people from all sections of the community. They experience problems with debt, homelessness, benefits, insurance and immigration rules, as well as harassment from landlords, neighbours and employers," a spokesman said.

The training pack, which is being circulated to local authorities, voluntary organizations and social workers, includes training guidance, a training resources directory and discussion papers on the voluntary sector, drug users and minorities.

Living and Working with HIV - A training pack for staff of the personal social services (Central Council for Education and Training in Social Work, Fourth Floor, Derbyshire House, St Chad's St, London WC1; £20).

National Portrait Gallery

£10m expansion plan approved

By Simon Tait, Arts Correspondent

The 18-year saga over the future of the National Portrait Gallery is coming to a conclusion, thanks to extra money found by Mr Richard Luce, Minister for the Arts.

Dr John Hayes, director of the gallery which celebrates its centenary in 1995, yesterday announced a £10 million development plan to give the museum 37 per cent more space.

The gallery is to move its administrative staff to three buildings behind the gallery, leaving the present office space clear for expansion. A particular beneficiary will be the rapidly growing twentieth-century collection, of which only a quarter is on display.

The scheme has the personal backing of the Prime Minister, who signalled her approval earlier this week by presiding over a private fund-raising lunch.

Although the Government has pledged £5.5 million to the scheme, that amount must matched by £4.5 million from the fund launched yesterday. Already £383,000 has been raised from business sources and it is hoped work on converting the buildings can begin next October. The scheme could be completed by spring 1993.



Mr Richard Luce: Extra cash from autumn statement.

In 1971 Lord Eccles, who was responsible for the arts at the time, pledged support to the gallery's expansion. It was suggested that the gallery move to a new building in Trafalgar Square but that was abandoned for lack of funds.

The gallery was then to move to the South Bank but the scheme was blocked by the Greater London Council. Three schemes put forward subsequently proved to be too expensive.

The current scheme was devised by Dr Malcolm Rogers, deputy director of the gallery. Apart from releasing gallery space, the new annexe will provide library and research areas and allow stored collections to be moved to the gallery.

Dr Hayes said £2 million had already been promised by the Government as "challenge funding". The extra money in the autumn statement two weeks ago allowed Mr Luce to find another £3.5 million, giving the signal for the scheme and the fund-raising appeal to go ahead.

Weekend food prices

Pork a wise buy in Christmas run-up

This month many people will be economizing before the expenses of Christmas. Saving money does not have to be boring if you choose pork, which combines well with seasonal ingredients such as cabbage, chestnuts, apples and oranges.

Boneless pork loin steaks are £1.99 at Sainsbury's instead of the usual £2.50 a lb and shoulder steaks cost only £1.75 a lb. Pork chops on the bone (more flavour) are £1.39 a lb at Tesco and £1.48 at Safeway.

Home-produced lamb prices, which have risen recently, show signs of a downward trend. Whole shoulder is an average £1.04 in London and £1.11 in the rest of England and Wales, probably thanks to the present offers at Asda of 79p a lb and at Sainsbury's of 98p a lb.

In a week when rump steak is down 10p a lb to a national average price of £3.61, Tesco has this cut at the exceptional price of £2.09 a lb.

Fresh fish supplies are generally good and quality is excellent. Plaice fillets cost about £2.45 and £1.40 for the whole fish.

Top quality whole Dover soles are about £4.45 a lb, brill £2.50 and turbot £3.50 a lb. Huss is about £2 a lb and its quality is outstanding.

Mushrooms are a good vegetable buy at 35-75p a half lb depending on size. All winter root vegetables are excellent with Dutch carrots 10-28p a lb, English 15-25p a lb. Parsnips 25-40p a lb, onions 14-20p and potatoes 10-18p a lb. Best varieties for roasting are Maris Piper, King Edward and Cara.

English Cox's apples at 28-45p a lb are still superb but look out for Crispins and Gonogold, 35-45p a lb, new in the shops this week.

Best meat and poultry supermarket offers this week include: Tesco fresh sliced braising steak £2.70 a lb; New Zealand lamb leg fillet half £1.59 a lb; Asda home-produced mince beef £1.12 a lb and corn-fed chickens 89p a lb; Presto brisket of beef £1.76 a lb and part-boned chicken breasts in fours at £1.99 a lb; Safeway brisket of beef £1.76.

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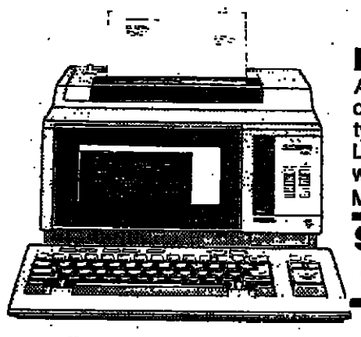
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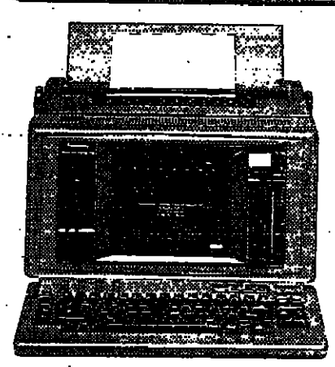
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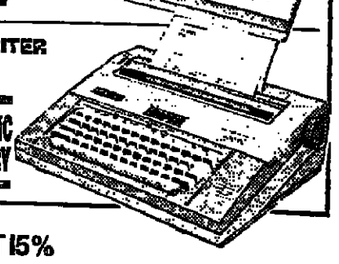
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GORBACHOV IN ITALY

Soviet minister in surprise visit to the Afghan King

From Mary Dejevsky, Rome

President Gorbachov's three-day visit to Italy took a surprise turn yesterday when Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, his Foreign Minister, had an hour's talk with the deposed King Zahir Shah of Afghanistan at his Rome residence.

A spokesman for the King, General Abdul Wali, said the talks had focused on the current situation in Afghanistan. Mr Shevardnadze was quoted as saying that the talks had covered an Afghan settlement and had been "very interesting and useful".

The possible return to Afghanistan of the King, who was ousted by his cousin in 1973, was mooted last year as Moscow sought to put in place a leader who would be acceptable to all Afghans.

Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet First Deputy Foreign Minister, who was then the Soviet Ambassador in Kabul, travelled to Italy to see him last December in an attempt to forge a peace settlement before Moscow completed its military withdrawal from Afghanistan in April. Also yesterday, the disagreement about the dangers of German reunification, which had emerged on the first day of talks between the Soviet and Italian Foreign Ministers, surfaced again when Signor Gianni de Michelis, the Italian Foreign Minister, criticized Soviet worries about German "revanchism" as belonging to the past.

Italy, Signor de Michelis said, did not want to worry about yesterday, but about possible damage to East-West relations in the future. "Italy," he said, "has no such worries about revanchism."

Signs also emerged of a difference in emphasis between the two sides when journalists were inadvertently given a draft version of the joint declaration which was later signed by Signor Giulio Andreotti, the Italian Prime Minister, and Mr Gorbachov.

Discrepancies in the translation and the transposition of certain passages suggested that the drafters had had trouble with two passages, one about the desirability of democracy in all societies and the other calling for "respect for the sovereign right of each country to choose its course of development".

The joint declaration, which both sides assessed as the culmination of Mr Gorbachov's state visit, also covered disarmament, human rights, economic co-operation and the environment.

Before the two leaders signed the joint declaration, their Foreign Ministers had concluded a series of agreements, the most important of which was deemed to be one on co-operation in switching Soviet defence industries to civilian production. No financial value was placed on the project and, according to the Italian side, the fact that neither finance nor credit was discussed was a source of satisfaction to both sides.

Earlier Mr Gorbachov had met a small delegation from the Italian Communist Party, led by Signor Achille Occhetto. The meeting effectively sealed a reconciliation after the ideological dispute of the early 1980s. At a press conference Mr Gennadi Gerasimov, the Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman, repeated Moscow's denial that it was supplying weapons to guerrillas in El Salvador. In what is the most categorical Soviet statement to date, he added that, to his knowledge, Cuba and Nicaragua were also not supplying the guerrillas with weapons.

● *Israeli request:* Signor Andreotti yesterday conveyed to Mr Gorbachov an Israeli request to restore diplomatic ties, but was told that Israel must first take steps towards peace (Reuter reports).

An Italian spokesman said the Prime Minister had received the request from Mr Yitzhak Shamir, the Israeli Prime Minister, during his visit to Rome last week.

Mr Gerasimov, summarizing Mr Gorbachov's reply, said: "We are ready for this step, on condition that the Israeli Government makes steps forward in the dialogue with the Palestine Liberation Organization."

On the charm offensive in Sicily



Mrs Gorbachov, escorted by security men, acknowledging the cheers of the crowd during her visit to Messina yesterday.

RAISA BACK IN LIMELIGHT

Couture gives way to culture

From Paul Bompard, Rome

"What lovely hands she has," exclaimed a Roman matron after a fleeting glance at Mrs Raisa Gorbachov behind the tinted, rocket-proof glass of her Zil limousine. Two small white hands waved at the crowds trying to peer inside.

It is "*La Moglie*" – the wife – that most are hoping to see. As on other foreign trips by the Gorbachovs, she has stolen much of the limelight.

But those Italians hoping that the Soviet First Lady would manifest some of her famous fashion consciousness have been disappointed.

Great efforts are being made to make her visit as cultural, serious and austere as possible. A visit to the Valentino fashion house, ostensibly to see an exhibition of paintings but also for a quick look at the new collection, was cancelled at the last minute.

Spokesmen for the Foreign Ministry are insisting that there will be "no shopping" in the exclusive Via Montenapoleone in Milan today.

Before the visit, a plan for making one of the world's most expensive shopping streets secure had been drawn up by the Italian police.

While her husband was meeting the Italian Government yesterday, Mrs Gorbachov was flown to Sicily to commemorate the victims of the 1908 Messina earthquake.

The only "society event" was the inauguration in Rome on Wednesday of an exhibition on *perestroika* at the Palazzo delle Esposizioni.

The carefully selected guests included fashion ladies Laura Biagiotti and Anna Fendi, Prince Lilio Ruspoli, and actress Monica Vitti. La Vitti said: "She hugged me! She kissed me! She knows who I am!" Prince Ruspoli, a member of the neo-Fascist party, proclaimed solemnly: "A man cannot become great if beside him he does not have an extraordinary woman."

● **WASHINGTON:** Mrs Gorbachov and Mrs Nancy Reagan fought their own Cold War over the years. There is now a new First Lady in the White House, but if Mrs Gorbachov desires detente she is keeping the wish well hidden (Martin Fletcher writes).

Mrs Bush wrote to Mrs Gorbachov recently suggesting that they met in Florence this weekend while their husbands held their shipboard summit off Malta.

Mrs Gorbachov declined the invitation. She sent a polite note back to Mrs Bush saying she felt it would be inappropriate to stay on in Italy after her husband's official state visit had ended.

Mrs Bush will be staying in Washington. As for Mrs Gorbachov, no one is quite sure. The Soviet Embassy in Washington said yesterday that it expected she would fly straight home from Italy but could not say for certain, while the Americans suspect that she will appear at her husband's side, fur-clad and glamorous, as the cameras roll on board the Soviet cruiser Slava.

She scored a notable coup in 1986 when she led Mrs Reagan to believe that she would not be attending the Reykjavik summit and so secured the stage alone.

ARMS CUT MOVE

Bonn deals with a falling budget

By Michael Evans, Defence Correspondent

In what is seen as a perfect piece of political timing, the Bonn Government has let it be known that it plans to cut its armed forces by at least 70,000 men by the mid-1990s.

Dr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Defence Minister, has outlined the proposals for cutbacks in a plan for the future of the Bundeswehr, which the Cabinet is to approve next week.

The details of the West German cuts, coming soon after confirmation in Washington that American armed forces are to be reduced over the next few years, perhaps by as many as 250,000 men, are bound to have an impact on this weekend's Soviet-American summit.

Any move by Bonn to reduce its manpower levels will be seen as a significant political step, even if the reasoning behind it is to reduce expenditure to match a falling defence budget. Mr Gorbachov is expected to welcome the plans.

West Germany has the largest number of armed service personnel in Western Europe, with more than 488,0000 active forces and 850,000 reserves.

Dr Stoltenberg made no reference to the proposed cuts when he talked to reporters after the two-day meeting of Nato's Defence Planning Committee in Brussels earlier this week. Indeed, he stressed that US cuts in defence spending should not be viewed as a signal for European countries to follow suit.

He said that if the US withdrew more of its forces from Europe the rest of the alliance would have to fill in the gaps, but he admitted that his Government was involved in cutting back on defence. He is understood to be recommending that the number of reservists should be increased.

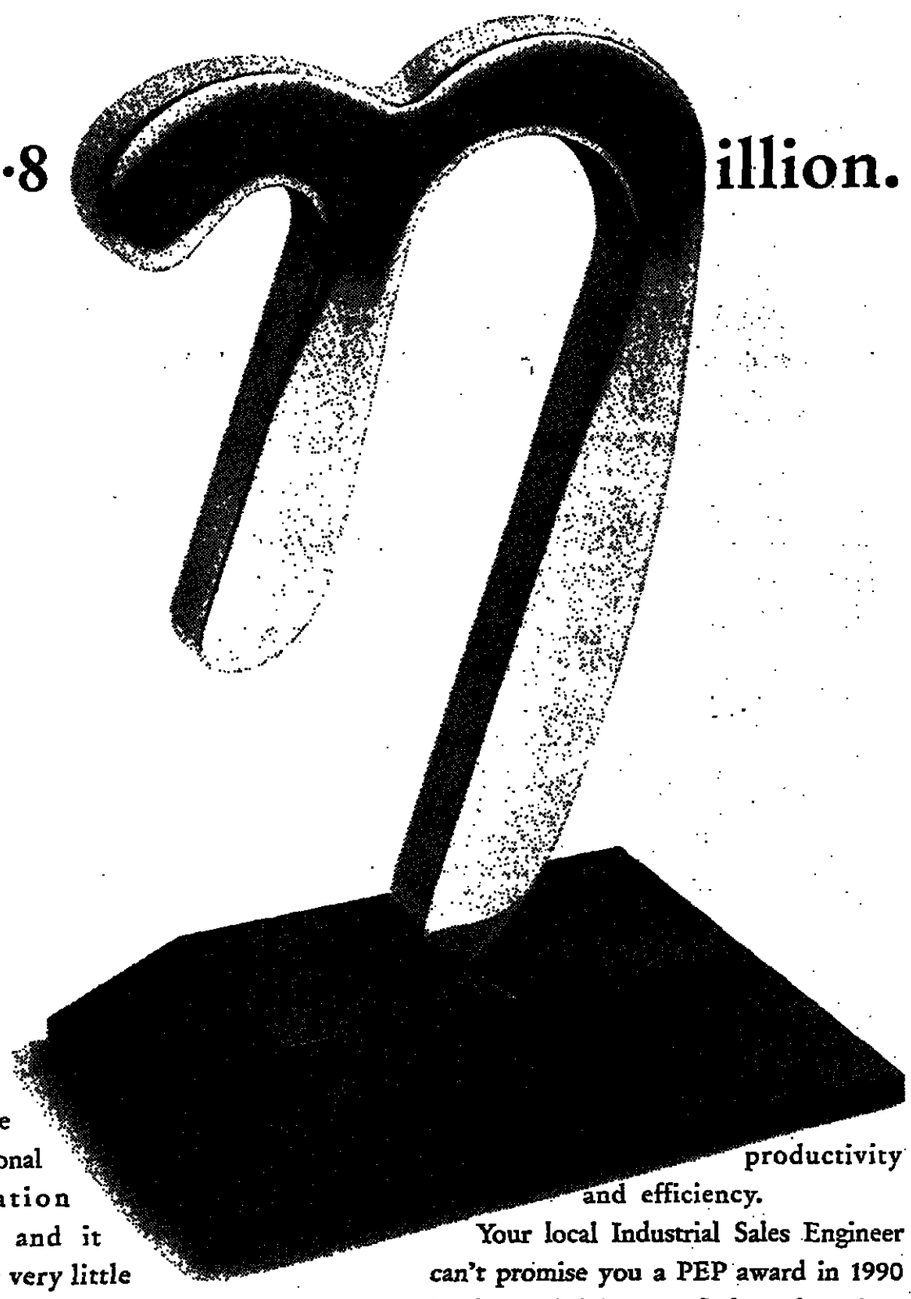
It appeared yesterday that the planned cuts in the Bundeswehr are not directly linked to the Conventional Forces in Europe talks in Vienna. If a treaty is signed next year, the reductions could be even larger, sources in Bonn said.

Unpopular plans to lengthen military service from 15 to 18 months could also be scrapped if the Nato and Warsaw Pact negotiators agree, as expected, to cut conventional arms.

The Government originally planned to extend military service this year because of the falling West German birth rate, but postponed the move until 1992.

Political analysts said the planned extension had damaged the popularity of the coalition Government of Herr Helmut Kohl, the Chancellor. There are to be elections next December.

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CZECHOSLOVAKIA RETHINKS 1968

Reappraisal of invasion 'forerunner of reforms'

From Richard Bassett, Prague

Mr Zdenek Mlynar, Mr Dubcek's close aide in the ill-fated 1968 Prague Spring, appeared on television last night in the first broadcast re-appraisal here of the events of 1968.

At the same time, the Czechoslovak Government announced that it would dismantle its Iron Curtain along the frontier with Austria where travel restrictions have been eased in recent weeks.

A government spokesman said that for the moment, wire and installations along the frontier with West Germany would remain in place, although all other installations which border neutral countries would shortly be removed.

Interviewed by Mr Miroslav Pavel, the new head of Czechoslovak television, Mr Mlynar, who has lived in exile since 1968, discussed Czechoslovakia's past, present and future.

He said he was ready to play an "supportive role" in the country's future, but he declined to become involved "directly" in a new government.

The broadcast reappraisal of 1968 was seen last night by both opposition figures and communists as crucial to the present political situation.

Only after 1968 is re-appraised can the communist hierarchy be effectively deposed, reformists argue. "When 1968 is seen for what it was, every communist here loses his legitimacy and must, therefore, go," said Mr Michael Horosek, a leading member of the Civic Forum Democratic Movement, yesterday.

Meanwhile, negotiations between the Prime Minister, Mr Ladislav Adamec, and the Forum continued to be deadlocked on the issue of the President, Mr Gustav Husak.

The Forum has issued an ultimatum demanding Mr Husak's resignation by December 10. In his place the Forum would like to see the well known playwright, Mr Vaclav Havel.

However, the Soviet Embassy, according to Forum sources, was "startled" by this proposal after long talks yesterday with Mr Horosek and other Forum members.

As the deadlock continues, it is becoming clear that the Forum will not now take any place in the new government which will be formed by the end of the week. "This government will not be a broad coalition after all," Mr Horosek said yesterday.

Explaining their refusal to take part in Mr Adamec's Government, a Civil Forum spokesman said: "We have no mandate from the people to take up government posts."

Mr Valtr Komarek, the reformist economist, who is widely believed to covet the post of Prime Minister, yesterday told journalists that the "mafia of communists in government positions must be removed as quickly as possible."

Mr Komarek pointed out, however, that given that there were more than 3,000 communists in important positions, this process would take some time to accomplish.

Civil Forum is continuing to push hard for swift radical changes. "The Communists are trying all the time to stage a comeback," said Mr Horosek.

Berlin's regret

East Berlin (Reuter) — East Germany expressed regret yesterday for its part in the 1968 Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia. Herr Wolfgang Meyer, the government spokesman, stopped short of a formal apology, saying the intervention was a joint pact decision. But he said it "overrode the fundamental principles of international law. From today's standpoint, this position cannot be justified and must be regretted."

THE LINGERING FEARS OF DUBCEK'S WIFE

Waiting in hope for second Prague Spring

From Brian James
Bratislava



Mr Alexander Dubcek and his wife Anna, emerging finally from the long years of isolation.

The small, rather warm woman gossiping at the gate in carpet slippers and a hand-knitted cardigan did not very much look the wife of a man who may be about to become his country's President.

But Mrs Anna Dubcek has spent the past 21 years affecting the safe camouflage of being ordinary.

She was bundled up against the cold, saying goodbye to a neighbour. That in itself was a rarity because, since 1968 when he led his country into the tragedy of the Prague Spring, not many people have dared to be seen calling on, or in the company of, the Alexander Dubceks.

The cautious years have left their mark on everyone. My interpreter insisted that we stop our taxi a long way down the hill leading up from the centre of Bratislava.

Was all that now ended? Mrs Dubcek clasped her hands as though in prayer: "I hope so. But come again and we talk more in one week. There are still strong negative forces in Czechoslovakia and they may come back, as they did in 1968."

Was she excited? "No, no ... " she began; then, laughing: "Yes, of course. But we must not allow it, this excitement. Not yet." Did she feel she was about to be the wife of the next President? "For me, I hope not. We have been up there once. I know that the higher you go, the stronger and colder is the wind."

Bratislava seemed full of the rumour yesterday that Mr Dubcek was in Moscow, gaining Soviet endorsement. It was part of the growing conviction here that Czechoslovakia will again turn to the man who had seemed to invent *perestroika* 20 years before its time.

"Yes, my husband wanted all these reforms. That is why when the news came to us that the Soviet Union was changing and of what Mr Gorbachov was saying, we knew that the changes must come here, too."

Mrs Dubcek's smile vanished only when I spoke of President Husak, who is still clinging to power in Prague. "That man! In 1967 my husband got him out of jail to stand at his side.

"But after the Soviets came, Husak became more harsh than Brezhnev."

Had it really been possible, then, for them to believe that Mr Dubcek, banished into internal exile to work as a menial forestry clerk, would again stand on the threshold of political power? "Yes, yes, definitely. We had never lost hope."

Suddenly she announced that she was cold, adding: "And matters are still too complicated to talk more. I must go."

But the male friend who was with her lingered to talk. He was, he said, a historian and had been a member of the Dubcek coterie in 1968. He had been expelled from the Communist Party in the purges and for that reason would prefer not to give his name, but there were things he would like to say.

In a complicated situation, dangers were already arising. Had we not heard what had happened at the great rally in Prague when 500,000 people were asked to say a prayer? This he saw as a dark moment. Did not his country's history teach them to beware the forces of "clerico-fascism"?

In all this talk of allowing new parties, how could he be sure that such forces would not re-emerge. More, what people were now demanding were even greater reforms than Mr Dubcek sought in 1968. "This was wrong. Czechoslovakia needed to be ruled still by the socialist party, by the party purified of all the bad things."

His words explain precisely why the elevation of Mr Dubcek to the presidency is neither certain nor assured of permanency. The tide running for change to a system of pluralism in politics is so strong that any suggestion that he might now, as in 1968, want power to be held by a tidied-up Communist Party would be fatal to his hopes.

For men like Mr Ladislav Petrovic, who lives a few homes away in Misikova Street, it is enough that it is no longer risky to stop and talk to Mr Dubcek when they meet.

"He is a great man, a friendly personality. Yet after he stopped to exchange greetings when my son was walking the dog, my son was taken away for questioning.

"One time when he was ill I knocked to give him the name of a doctor. He was grateful but worried for me and told me not to come again."

COMANECI MYSTERY

Romanian gymnast is still missing

From Ernest Beck, Budapest and Alan McGregor, Geneva

Mystery still surrounds the whereabouts of the missing Romanian gymnast, Miss Nadia Comaneci, who escaped to Hungary on Tuesday but has not been seen or heard from since.

Reports that she had surfaced in Switzerland yesterday and had taken refuge at the United States Embassy in Bern were strongly denied by US officials. "Nadia Comaneci is not — and has not been — here," an embassy spokesman in Bern said yesterday. "I can confirm that she did not get a visa here."

Although Miss Comaneci reportedly told Hungarian border guards that she intended to apply for political asylum, a spokesman for the Hungarian Interior Ministry said that no application had been received and that they have had no information as to where she might be.

What little is known indicates that she entered Hungary under cover of darkness, led by a Romanian guide and in the company of at least six other people. She reported to local police in the southern city of Szeged from whom she received a three-day residence permit and some "welcome money", before registering at the Hotel Royal. After this, only rumours and reported sightings exist.

EAST GERMAN ECONOMIC CRISIS

Industry warned of tough winter

From Anne McElvoy, East Berlin

The East German Government pleaded with industry yesterday to pull out all stops to enable the country's collapsing economy to survive the winter.

Herr Wolfgang Meyer, the government spokesman, declared: "The situation is very tense; we need to mobilize all materials and workers if we are to combat our current difficulties."

In the meantime, with temperatures across the country well below freezing, smog, caused by the use of brown coal in industry and the inadequate environmental protection, now afflicts cities almost daily.

In Leipzig, the city newspaper prints a daily chart of pollution levels. The measure was intended to placate the city's growing environmentalist lobby but has served instead to increase alarm.

Some 30,000 families, most of them with small children, have applied to leave the city in the past two months.

East German radio has issued a low-level warning about the pollution.

The Government announced yesterday that foreign journalists will now be given direct access to ministries and their spokesmen for the first time.

Previously all interviews were arranged through the official press centre, known to the East Berlin foreign corps simply as "the stumbling block" because of its frequent delaying tactics. Until autumn this year visiting journalists could be assured of a visa only if they promised to cover at least one Soviet or East German troop withdrawal.

In another development, the East German news agency, ADN, announced that Herr Wolf Biermann, the dissident singer, had been given a visa to re-enter the country today for the first time in 13 years, since he was ejected for "anti-state activities". He will play at concerts in Leipzig and East Berlin.

With the East German press daily revealing more details of the luxurious lifestyle of the country's former political elite, the Government announced yesterday that it was giving back to the Army its fleet of 14 private aircraft. Only one will be kept ready for action, that of the East German leader, Herr Egon Krenz. "This is quite normal. He really cannot do without it," said Herr Meyer.

The new Government, he said, was determined to root out privileges among its members.

His comments came the day after revelations that Herr Willi Stoph, the long-serving former Prime Minister, had lived on a country estate consisting of several houses, orchards and conservatories. He also had a personal swimming pool, hunting lodge and several garages to house a fleet of Volvos, according to the trades union newspaper, *Tribune*.

Herr Meyer said that investigations were still in progress to uncover the extent of corruption and abuse of privileges enjoyed by former dignitaries. The Wandlitz compound inhabited by members of the Politburo and nicknamed "Hone-wood" is apparently being investigated by government accountants.



East Berlin (AP) — The East German authorities yesterday stripped Herr Erich Honecker, the former leader, of immunity from criminal charges and sealed off a country estate where he and other disgraced Communist Party officials are in seclusion. The announcement by an official in Neubrandenburg is the strongest indication that the former leadership will have to account for alleged abuses of power.

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Rebel troops attempt to stage coup in Philippines

By Our Foreign Staff

In an apparent coup attempt against President Aquino of the Philippines, 200 rebel members of the Army backed by armoured cars have occupied part of an air base near Manila, the capital, Mr Fidel Ramos, the Defence Secretary, said yesterday.

He said two companies of Philippine Marines loyal to the renegade Lieutenant-Colonel Gregorio "Gringo" Honasan tried to take over Villamor air base, but pro-government troops "are defending the place". There had been no shooting, he said.

Mr Ramos added that 13 mutinous troops in civilian clothes had been arrested in the suburb of Muntinlupa after trying to infiltrate the capital.

Earlier, General Renato de Villa, the Chief of Staff, said he had placed troops on full alert and had reinforced security at the presidential palace after uncovering a plot for a coup which would have begun this morning. He said the plot by soldiers linked to Colonel Honasan, who led an earlier coup attempt, was discovered when elite troops raided a telecommunications relay station at Tagaytay, south of Manila.

"The matter is under investigation right now, and I have ordered the arrest of the officers and enlisted men concerned," he added.

He said collated information indicated that other elements and units were to have been involved, and that "the target, of course, is once more the downfall of the Aquino Government".

President Aquino, aged 56, who was swept to power in February, 1986, in a popular revolt which ousted the late Ferdinand Marcos, the former President, has survived five coup attempts.

Colonel Honasan, who is retired from the Army, led the bloodiest of these in August, 1987. Last month he vowed in an interview that he would stage a new coup.

● **NEW YORK:** Marcos and his wife, Imelda, stole $15 million (£9.5 million) in US government aid in 1985 and sent it to a Swiss bank, according to prosecutors preparing for the trial here of Mrs Marcos and Mr Adnan Khashoggi, the Saudi financier (Charles Bremner writes).

The charges, listed in court papers released this week, were the first public allegation that the Marcoses took American funds at the time they were alleged to be looting the Philippine treasury.

The court papers also included a handwritten letter from Mrs Marcos to Mrs Nancy Reagan, the former First Lady, seeking her intervention when she and Marcos first came under US legal scrutiny in 1986. "Dearest Nancy," the letter begins, "I understand that a suggestion from the White House or the State Department could prevent these indignities."

Bomb wreaks Dhaka devastation



Dhaka residents lying in the street after they were caught in a powerful bomb yesterday, which killed three people and injured 35 others at a rally held by the opposition Awami League. A two-day anti-government strike in Bangladesh, in which protesters have called for the resignation of President Ershad, has left more than 200 injured. Riot police stormed the Dhaka University campus yesterday after a student was shot dead in a battle between rival groups.

Red Army Faction

Terror campaign waged since 1972

By Michael Evans

The Red Army Faction terrorist group, believed to have been responsible yesterday for murdering Herr Alfred Herrhausen, chief executive of West Germany's biggest bank, has been blamed for killing at least 20 people and injuring dozens more since the early 1970s.

The Red Army Faction, first formed in 1968, was originally called the Baader-Meinhof Gang after its founders, Andreas Baader and Ulrike Meinhof.

The organization has only about 30 hardcore members, but in recent years its appetite for bombings and assassinations has exceeded even that of its predecessors.

Its leaders live underground and operations are normally carried out with near-military precision. The main targets of this left-wing terror group, with access to a large supply of weapons, have been representatives of the West German establishment and industry and the US military.

Known or suspected RAF terrorist attacks since the early 1970s include:

May 1972 — Six separate bomb attacks, killing one and injuring 13 at a US officers club in Frankfurt; bombed the vehicle of Justice Buddenburg of the West German Supreme Court, seriously injuring his wife; and killed three American servicemen and wounded five more in an attack on the US Army European Headquarters in Heidelberg.

November 1974 — Killed Günther von Drenkmann, president of the West German Supreme Court.

April 1977 — Murdered Siegfried Buback, German federal prosecutor, his chauffeur and bodyguard.

September 1977 — Kidnapped Hans-Martin Schleyer, a German businessman, and killed his chauffeur and police bodyguard. Schleyer later killed.

February 1985 — Shot Ernst Zimmermann, a businessman, at his home.

August 1985 — Car bomb at the Rhein-Main air base killed two and injured 17; an off-duty US serviceman killed to obtain ID papers.

July 1986 — Killed Karl-Heinz Beckurts, director of research at Siemens Electronics company, and also his chauffeur.

October 1986 — Murdered Gerold von Braunmuehl of the Bonn Foreign Ministry.

September 1988 — Hans Tietmeyer, State Secretary at the Bonn Finance Ministry, escapes shotgun ambush while being driven to work.

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WORLD ROUNDUP

Serbia moves to end Slovenia ties

Belgrade — Slovenia has accused Mr Slobodan Milosevic, the Serbian leader, of fomenting unrest, indicating that it would call for an emergency meeting of the Yugoslav federal Parliament following yesterday's decision by Serbia to sever all relations, including commercial ties, with Slovenia (Dessa Trevisan writes).

The row over a mass protest rally which the Serbs were planning to hold in Slovenia, which was called off, has deepened the crisis between Serbia and the reformist coalition led by Slovenia. The rally was cancelled after Slovenia imposed emergency police measures, barring entry to people and vehicles destined for the demonstration. Serbia retaliated by urging all institutions and commercial firms to break off immediately all relations with Slovenia, unleashing a chain reaction in Serbia and Montenegro.

Denials on Abu Nidal

Nicosia (AFP) — The Palestinian guerrilla leader, Abu Nidal, is functioning normally as head of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, the group said yesterday, dismissing press reports that he was either ill or under house arrest in Libya. In the Beirut-datelined statement, the group accused unnamed hostile intelligence services and their agents within Palestinian ranks of orchestrating the rumours. It also denied that the organization was falling apart, saying that it continued to pursue its goal of "cleansing the Arab struggle and removing its tumours".

Chinese missile fear

Washington (Reuter) — The United States is concerned that China is developing a short-range ballistic missile capable of carrying nuclear or chemical warheads and is negotiating to sell it to Syria and other Middle East nations. US officials and analysts said that Washington had urged Peking not to go through with the sale of the M9 missile to Damascus, arguing that this could seriously destabilize the Middle East. Possession of the ground-launched surface-to-surface missile, which has a range of 375 miles, would allow Syria to threaten air bases in southern Israel.

Exxon mate spared

Anchorage (Reuter) — The man at the controls of the Exxon supertanker responsible for the worst US oil spill has been spared prosecution by state and federal authorities, a court was told yesterday. Alaska decided against prosecuting Mr Gregory Cousins, the third mate of the Exxon Valdez who was on the bridge when the tanker ran aground on March 24, because it needed an ally in its lawsuit against Exxon. The state is suing the corporation for damages arising from the 11-million gallon spill which fouled more than 1,000 miles of shoreline, killing thousands of birds and other animals.

Beggars sue over US subway ban

From Charles Bremner, New York

The management of the New York subway drew rare cheers from the city's long-suffering commuters last month when it announced a crackdown on the army of beggars — many drug addicts — who have set up home in the stations and trains. But this week the beggars hit back, suing the city for violating their constitutional rights.

Two residents of the subway, using the services of a centre for the homeless, took the Metropolitan Transit Authority to court, charging it with depriving them of their right to free speech.

Their suit said that "panhandling", as begging is known, was essential to their livelihood and the police were being discriminatory because they took no action against recognized charities.

The suit, which will be heard this month, was the last straw for the transit authority. Earlier in the week it faced a mutiny from the Transit Police, who said they lacked the manpower to carry out "Operation Enforcement".

Mr Andrew Albert, the transit authority chief, said the police refusal was distressing because "the feeling that the authorities are in control is very important to passengers, who have been helpless as panhandlers, hucksters, criminals, fare evaders and disorderly and homeless people have made the subway system inhospitable and uninviting".

Fights between rival panhandlers have become a common sight on rush-hour trains.

The beggars' suit was not the first of its kind. Two years ago Mayor Edward Koch was forced to rescind an order to remove mentally disturbed homeless people from the streets after a woman vagrant sued him. Though diagnosed as a schizophrenic, she became a television personality for a week, lectured at Harvard, and then returned to her life on the streets.

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Americans flee Salvador rebel attack

From Tom Gibb, San Salvador

Dependants of United States personnel started to leave El Salvador yesterday as left-wing rebels of the Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front brought the civil war to the rich by occupying houses in the exclusive suburb of Upper Escalón overlooking the city from the lower slopes of the San Salvador volcano.

The US Embassy denied that a full-scale evacuation was under way, saying that it was purely voluntary. Some contract workers insisted however that they had been ordered to leave.

The rebels moved into Upper Escalón on Wednesday after a night of heavy fighting in much of the western part of the capital around the military high command headquarters.

The house of a US official was burnt just a few blocks from the residence of Mr William Walker, the American Ambassador. The embassy said that no Americans were hurt.

More than 120 Americans spent Wednesday night on the tarmac of the embassy after leaving the areas worst hit by the fighting. Other US government buildings were also cordoned. Yesterday buses waited outside the fortress-like walls to take people to the airport.

Americans arrived walking and in cars. Many were angry. One couple carried an M16 assault rifle and an Israeli-made Uzi submachine-gun, while holding a neatly trimmed poodle on a lead.

Another woman, dragging two young children behind her, told her daughter to hide her face from television cameras. As she walked in through the embassy gates, she turned to scream abuse at reporters.

There are more than 500 US government employees in El Salvador, and between 8,000 and 10,000 other Americans.

"The Americans must be very rattled because if this thing continues and the (Salvadorean) Army continues to be stretched, they are going to have to look at their military options very closely," a Western diplomat said.

A statement issued by the rebels in Washington denied that American citizens were targets.

● **NEW YORK:** An American volunteer said on Wednesday that she was blindfolded, handcuffed, hit and threatened by Salvadorean security forces who raided an Episcopalian church in San Salvador last week (AP reports).

Miss Josephine Beecher, aged 37, was among 19 lay workers arrested during the raid on St John the Evangelist Church on November 20.

She and five other foreigners were released within a day, but several Salvadoreans remain in custody, said the Rev Ricardo Potter, the church's partnership officer for Latin America and the Caribbean.



Salvadorean government troops yesterday questioning a suspected rebel at gunpoint in the San Salvador suburb of Saltana.

The Armenian earthquake

Fears of worse toll as high-rise housing returns

By Alan Franks

Nearly a year after the earthquake which devastated Armenia in 41 seconds and upstaged the political tremors of the region, fears are being voiced in the small, embattled Soviet republic that worse is still to come.

There are ominous signs in the reconstruction areas that the buildings going up will not be able to withstand fresh upheavals any better than those which collapsed last December 7, with the loss of at least 25,000 lives.

Worse, at the end of a year which dawned with such high hopes of international aid, the Armenians have had to endure the further indignity of seeing work on the world's biggest building site, outside the city of Leninakan, paralysed by the economic blockade imposed by neighbouring Azerbaijan.

Because the blockade is indiscriminate, even medicines and food are turned back. Petrol is scarce, trains with a total of some 26,000 wagonloads of essential building materials fail to arrive, while the few that manage to get through reach their destination with the cargo vandalized beyond repair.

These are among the revelations made in a *40 Minutes* documentary entitled "Out of the Ruins", which is to be shown on BBC2 next Thursday, 12 months to the day since the earthquake.

Perhaps most alarmingly, the city's former chief architect has told the young Polish-born director, Agnieszka Piotrowska, the same kind of high-rise blocks which gave way so badly have been put up in even greater numbers in the Armenian capital, Yerevan.

If that city, with its much larger population of one and a half million, were to be struck by a similar earthquake, it could become "a perpetual twentieth-century graveyard".

The cruel irony of it is that the architect, Rafael Yegoyan, actually resigned from his Leninakan post 12 years ago in protest at the civic authority's resorting to high-rise development.

Since then, says Piotrowska, he has become something of a legend in the city, a status which was hardly diminished when his worst nightmares came to pass just days before last Christmas. Even though a whole mythology now attaches to him, he readily confirms that he told his masters back in the early 1970s he would not design graves for the populace to live in.

Yegoyan, who lost three sisters in the earthquake, says that until 1975 no residential blocks of more than three storeys were being built. That limit was increased to five storeys, and then raised again in 1977. But by 1978, the ever-growing demand for housing density seemed to gain ascendancy over the authority's fear of the known seismic activity.

In that year, says Yegoyan, an experimental block was erected on Sherakadze Street, using a method of construction which involved several basement storeys. A decade later, when the earthquake struck, hardly a single high-rise block survived, and this edifice was one of the casualties. Yegoyan fears that buildings which would fare little better form part of the reconstruction programme.

At present in the endless sprawl known as Ani, named after the ancient capital of Armenia, the film shows how hard it is to see precisely what is rising from the rubble.

When President Gorbachev visited the stricken country days after the disaster, he pledged that almost 500 acres of new living accommodation would be put up for the survivors by the end of 1989.

Today less than 1 per cent of this target has been achieved.

Piotrowska's aim has been to produce an emphatically human record not only of the relentless traumas of the country – but also of the extraordinary resilience of the bereaved survivors.

To this end she has used the bold device of focussing on a young couple who have lost their two daughters, their parents and their home, but who are also expecting a baby. She found the mother, Astrik, in a maternity ward in Leninakan, and uses her as a defiant antidote to the wailing of whole communities which have been stripped of articulacy by the shock.

The Armenia that emerges is one in which children may have lost the will to paint in any but lugubrious colours, or to draw any scenes except ones of devastation, but where Astrik's husband Ashot can also find solace in the idea that in waiting for their baby, they are also waiting for their dead daughter's re-birth.

Nicosia (AP) – Two earthquakes, measuring 4.1 and 4.3 on the Richter scale, hit the Iranian city of Shiraz and surrounding areas in southern Fars province yesterday. Tehran radio reported that there were no casualties or damage.

Israel warns Syria over Aoun crisis

From Richard Owen, Jerusalem

Israel yesterday warned Syria it was "keeping open the option" of direct intervention if its security came under threat. The warning came as Damascus's Lebanese allies were poised to attack the Christian enclave of General Michel Aoun in Beirut.

Mr Yitzhak Rabin, the Defence Minister, told Syria not to cross the "red line" which would trigger an Israeli response. General Avihu Bin-Nun, the Israeli Air Force commander, said increased Syrian air activity in Lebanon was creating "a dangerous situation" which could lead to a clash with Israeli fighters.

Israel radio said Jerusalem was "in close touch" with European countries, above all France, to seek a peaceful outcome to the current crisis.

Few Israelis have forgotten the bitter experience of Jerusalem's 1982 invasion of Lebanon, code-named Operation Peace for Galilee, which was intended to make Israel's northern border secure against guerrilla attack but did so at a high cost in lives. Israel no longer enjoys the close ties it once had with Christian forces in Lebanon. But the largely Christian Arab militia known as the "South Lebanon Army", which helps Israel to patrol its self-declared "security zone" in southern Lebanon, maintains close ties with General Aoun.

Israeli artillery pounded a sector of Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley yesterday near regions controlled by Syrian troops, police at Rachaya said.

● **WEST BEIRUT:** President Hrawi yesterday said he would exhaust peaceful means to dislodge General Aoun from the presidential palace in Baabda, but warned that force might be used if his efforts prove fruitless (Juan Carlos Gumucio writes).

"We do not want to spark a war on the eastern (Christian) areas, but those who are going to start this war are Aoun and the rebellious," he said.

As Syrian soldiers massed around Baabda, France sent an amphibious troop ship towards an unspecified point off the Lebanese coast.

Arab backing for PLO brings UN cash threat

From James Bone, New York

The United Nations is heading for crisis after a decision by Arab nations to press on with their campaign for UN recognition of the state of Palestine, despite threats by Washington to cut all United States funding to the organization – a quarter of the budget.

Representatives of the 22-member Arab group met behind closed doors on Wednesday and agreed to present a resolution to the General Assembly upgrading the status of the Palestine Liberation Organization from an observer organization to a non-voting observer nation.

The 12 European Community nations, including Britain, and the Soviet Union had tried to block the resolution to avert the impending clash between the Americans and the UN.

According to the draft text, the General Assembly would decide "that the designation of Palestine shall be construed, within the United Nations, as the state of Palestine, without prejudice to the acquired rights of the Palestine Liberation Organization in accordance with the relevant UN resolutions and practices".

The resolution would enhance the PLO's status to the level of non-voting states such as Switzerland and North and South Korea.

The 159-nation General Assembly is expected to pass the measure overwhelmingly when a vote takes place either today or on Monday.



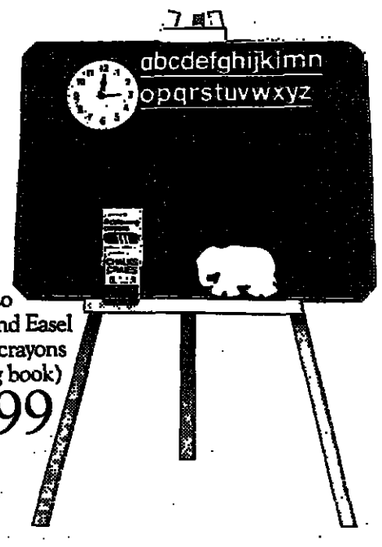
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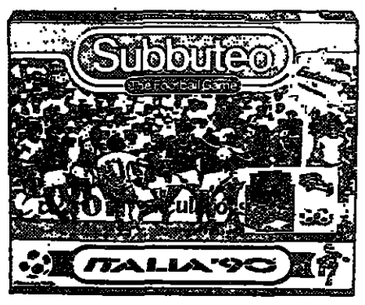
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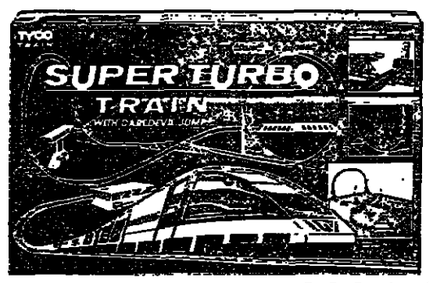
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WOOLWORTHS

Ex-detective is held over the killings of two white activists

From Gavin Bell, Johannesburg

A former South African drugs squad detective with a criminal record has been arrested in connection with the murders of a prominent anti-apartheid campaigner and an official of the South West Africa People's Organization (Swapo) earlier this year.

A police spokesman said the suspect was being questioned about the killings of Dr David Webster, aged 44, a university lecturer and human rights activist, in Johannesburg on May 1, and Mr Anton Lubowski, aged 37, a lawyer and the most senior white official in Swapo, in Namibia on September 12.

He said the 31-year-old former sergeant in the narcotics bureau has been in detention for "a considerable period" under the terms of the Internal Security Act.

Detectives investigating Dr Webster's murder did not announce his arrest at the time to avoid prejudicing other inquiries which were continuing. Yesterday's statement was issued after an Afrikaans-language newspaper published the story.

The spokesman said the suspect was discharged from the police force in 1984 after being sentenced on charges of murder, attempted murder and theft.

Legal sources named the man as Mr Ferdi Barnard, who was sentenced to six years' imprisonment in connection with the death of a person involved in a drugs deal. He was released on parole two or three years ago, and arrested several weeks ago after police searched his Johannesburg apartment. The sources said Mr Barnard was not known as a political activist and was unlikely to have acted on his own initiative.

Dr Webster and Mr Lubowski were killed in similar circumstances, both being shot dead outside their homes.

Police in Namibia quickly arrested Belfast-born Donald Acheson, aged 51, in connection with the Swapo leader's murder, and he is reported to have been taken to South Africa for questioning. Mr Acheson has been remanded in custody in Windhoek until December 6.

The murder of Dr Webster, a mild-mannered reformer who advocated non-violent resistance to apartheid, raised a public outcry and accusations of state complicity.

In his last published article, Dr Webster documented an alarming increase in kidnappings and assassinations by right-wing vigilantes. He said: "There is a disturbing trend for these vigilantes to be recruited into municipal police units ... it is a very rare event indeed when such assassinations are solved."

Mr Barnard's arrest coincides with the completion of a preliminary inquiry into allegations that South-African police death squads have been murdering anti-apartheid activists for 10 years. President de Klerk is expected to make an announcement next week.

● **Defence cuts:** South Africa is planning substantial cuts in defence spending after the end of its military involvement in Angola and its withdrawal from Namibia.

The expected reduction of up to £375 million — 15 per cent of the £2.5 billion budget allocated to the South African Defence Force and the Armscor manufacturing company this year — is in line with President de Klerk's commitment to cut state expenditure.

Vietnamese boat people fly back to Hanoi

SOUTH CHINA MORNING POST



Vietnamese boat people, repatriated under the voluntary scheme, displaying their boarding passes in Hong Kong yesterday as they climbed up the steps to their plane for Hanoi.

From A Correspondent, Hong Kong

A group of 130 boat people got on a plane here yesterday morning which would take them back home to Vietnam.

They boarded the 10.50am Dragonair flight to Hanoi at Kai Tak airport — the sixth, and so far the biggest, group to travel under the voluntary repatriation scheme.

The 130 are among the number of boat people who have been screened as non-refugees and who have "volunteered" to be sent back, faced with the alternative of indefinite incarceration in a Hong Kong detention centre.

The kicking and screaming envisaged by Mr Martin Lee, a member of the colony's Legislative Council, was certainly not in evidence. Scenes at the airport were calm and quite light-hearted, reflecting nothing of the tension in detention centres over the past few days.

A spokesman for the US Consulate has indicated that Washington still believes that voluntary repatriation is the best solution to the boat people problem and the scheme should be given more time to work.

● **SYDNEY:** Australian immigration officials are forecasting an influx of boat people from Cambodia after the first refugees to reach Australia by sea landed safely this week (Robert Cockburn writes).

The 26 men, women and children were interviewed yesterday at Broome, on the north coast of Western Australia, after a 2,000-mile journey in an old, decaying fishing boat which they say took one month. The vessel was lying low in the water and still had some water and food supplies.

The refugees are reported to be healthy and in good spirits after their epic trip ended at Penta Bay to the north of Broome. Customs officials yesterday escorted the vessel into Broome, where they were expected to make a formal application for refugee status.

Mr Howard Porter, of the Immigration Department, declared: "If they are going to apply for refugee status — and we do not know that yet — the international refugee treaty comes in. There are procedures laid down for Australia to listen to and assess the claim under the Refugee Convention. If it is determined that they are refugees then it is not a problem."

The group — 11 women, nine men and six children — ranges in age from three to...

ABC Television yesterday reported that, despite pressure from the Federal Government in Canberra, it is considered unlikely that the refugees will be turned away. Australia gave refuge to thousands of Vietnamese boat people after the Vietnam War.

Last week Australia made a dramatic about-turn by withdrawing its political support for the Cambodian transitional government-in-exile, which includes Khmer Rouge factions under Pol Pot.

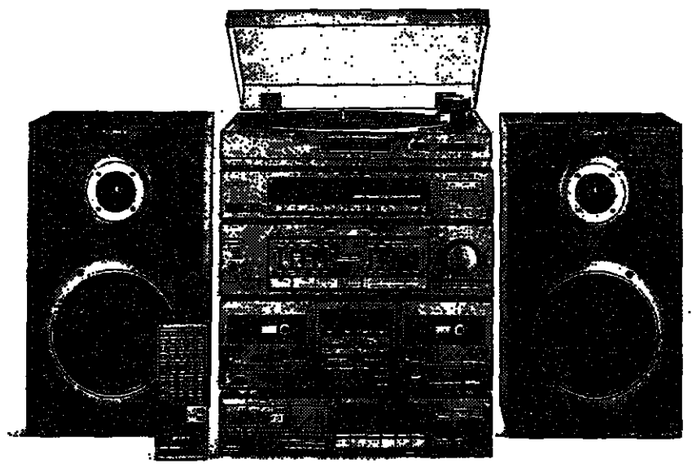
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Man in the News: Bob Denard

'Frightener' with a fading mission

By Susan MacDonald

Mr Bob Denard, alias Gilbert Bourgeaud, alias Colonel Jean Maurin, alias Mustapha Mahdjou, but known to all as "King of the Frighteners", is one of a dwindling band of old-time mercenaries.

The man understood to be effectively ruling the Comoro Islands and suspected of killing the President, Ahmed Abdallah, last Sunday night, is believed to be French of Belgian origin.

Mr Denard might well feel that he had every right to do so. It was he, apparently, who put Abdallah in the presidential seat when the Comoros declared independence from France in 1975, and it was he who knocked him off a month later, only to reinstate him in 1978 when it became clear that his *substitute*, President Ali Soilih, was a disaster.



Constitution to make himself President-for-life.

Mr Denard had eased himself in as the power behind the throne. The presidential guard is made up of his mercenaries — the 30-strong band of French and Belgians known as "the Frighteners". The money to run them is thought to be provided by South Africa, the main trading partner.

Yesterday the presideutial guard was said to have disarmed the regular Army and was guarding key buildings while a new strongman, Mr Said Djohar, the Supreme Court president, was being installed. Comoros opposition groups in Paris appealed to France to send in troops to oust the mercenaries.

French radio yesterday suggested Mr Denard was loading a plane prior to departure. His split with President Abdallah is said to be due to a South African refusal to continue financing the mercenaries.

Mr Denard's history stretches beyond the Comoros. There is a faint whiff of the Frighteners in many African countries which have suffered coups over the past 30 years.

Since 1987 he has been unable to set foot in France officially because a French court found him guilty in his absence of "associating with criminals". This was the result of a long legal battle after he attempted to overthrow the President of Benin, Colonel Mathieu Kerekou, in 1977.

It is not clear now whether he will fly out of the Comoros or live to fight another day, but his style of action is almost a thing of the past.



Bob Denard: Power behind the throne in Comoros.

Squabbles divide Indian poll victors

From Christopher Thomas, Delhi

Opposition leaders, the strains on their tenuous unity already showing, fought bitterly yesterday over who should be their leader if they attempt to form India's next government.

Powerful industrialists appear to be behind some of the pressures to keep Mr Vishwanath Pratap Singh, leader of Janata Dal (People's Party), out of the top job.

Some big businessmen have good reason to dislike him, since he prosecuted many of them for foreign exchange violations when he was Finance Minister in Mr Rajiv Gandhi's Government.

MPs from the National Front, the five-party coalition trying to put together a new administration, have been told to assemble in Delhi today to elect a leader.

The squabbling centres on Mr Devi Lal, aged 75, chief minister of the northern state of Haryana, and Mr Chandra Shekhar, former Chief Minister of Karnataka state and for many years a leader of the old Janata Party. Mr Shekhar, in particular, has no fondness for Mr Singh. The more important of the two is Mr Devi Lal, a prime mover in setting up the National Front which, aides say, strengthens his claim to power.

Although he declared at first that he would not seek to become the National Front's leader, he has already started to backtrack.

Mr Shekhar, who is ill with malaria, was more forthright. "There is nothing wrong in a contest," he said, and claimed that several state leaders had telephoned him to express support of Mr Devi Lal for the leadership in preference to Mr Singh. Close observers, however, are convinced the latter will emerge as the National Front leader.

With all but two contests declared, the result of the Indian general election was:

Congress (I)	192
Janata Dal	141
BJP	88
Communist parties	43
Independents	16
Regional parties, others	43

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PARLIAMENT

House deceived on Rover sale, says Kinnock

Mr Neil Kinnock accused the Government of deceiving Parliament when he again raised the sale of Rover at Prime Minister's questions.

In a noisy session, with the Speaker calling for order, Labour MPs shouted to Mrs Thatcher's answer when the Leader of the Opposition said that the sale to BAe had been assisted by a £38 million "sweetener" from public money.

Mr Kinnock asked her if, when she had answered him on Tuesday she had known of these "under-the-counter handouts and that, on the best estimate available, Rover was looking forward to three years of significant profitability".

Mrs Thatcher: I answered as I would answer him again today, that the Government struck the best deal it believed it could in all the circumstances of the sale.

The circumstances of the sale were that extra cash injections at the time of final privatization brought total funds injected by the taxpayer into British Leyland-Rover to £3,450 million.

I understand that forecasts of profits were before any interest had been paid on capital. That is hardly profit.

Mr Kinnock: I rather feel that on Tuesday we did not have the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth.

It is clear from what we now know in detail that the Government was less than honest with the European Community, sought to deceive Parliament, and has sold the British taxpayer short. The whole affair has been a rip-off. Will she tell us what she is now going to do to get the British people's money back?

Is this not the time for her to give the public apology for which I asked on Tuesday?

Mrs Thatcher said that if there was a rip-off, it was of nearly £3 billion that the taxpayer had paid since 1975 to keep British Leyland-Rover going — (loud Labour protests) — "and the amount was mounting".

"Perhaps he will remember that when we attempted to sell British Leyland-Rover in 1986, our efforts were frustrated by the hysteria with which the sale was greeted by the Opposition.

"Mr John Smith (then Labour spokesman on trade and industry) called our efforts anti-British and in effect, therefore, did infinite damage to the prospect of a successful sale to other overseas buyers who might have been interested. He went on to say: 'Can we be assured that in the lifetime of the Government there is no question of Land-Rover, or any other part of British Leyland group, passing out of British control?'."

That prevented many other prospective buyers coming forward.

Mr Kinnock: Truly, methinks, the lady doth protest too much. Did she or did she not know, on Tuesday, that the sale had been sweetened with £38 million to taxpayers' money in handouts?

Mrs Thatcher: The Secretary of State (Mr Ridley) will be making a full statement (further protests and Labour shouts of "Resign").

Mr Kinnock should be perturbed that the car industry could not succeed without enormous cash injections from the taxpayer, and that in fact, that company constantly put its hand into the taxpayers's pocket.

Companies like Ford, producing cars in this country, were paying money into the British Treasury while companies like British Leyland were taking it out in much larger sums.

Ministerial visit for the City 'Russians'

MIKE POWELL



Mr Chris Patten, Secretary of State for the Environment, during a visit to the Broadgate Centre in the City yesterday, framed by "Russia", a sculptural group by the American artist, George Segal. The minister was presenting a Civic Trust special award for the development (architects, Arup Associates)

Ridley puts forward strong defence for BAe purchase

The decision the Government struck with BAe for its purchase of Rover Group last year was strongly defended by *Mr Nicholas Ridley*, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry.

In a Commons statement, he said that the arrangements were the "least that were necessary to secure the successful transfer of the Rover Group to the private sector". The transfer was essential for the future welfare of the group and its workers, he said.

He outlined the financial background to the sale and said that the Government would co-operate with the European Commission if it wished to examine the arrangements. He rejected Opposition allegations of seeking to conceal anything and accused their spokesman of an overdose of hindsight.

Mr Gordon Brown, chief Opposition spokesman on trade and industry, asked why MPs had only now been told about the additional subsidy of £38 million given to BAe.

How could *Mr Ridley* justify concealing these subsidies on the ground of confidence when the arrangement was between BAe and the taxpayer?

Was not the real reason the Government asked for these arrangements to be confidential was not a commercial one, but to avoid the party political embarrassment that the knowledge of the subsidies would bring? Given the level of additional subsidy, how could the Department of Trade and Industry have thought that there was no necessity even to inform the European Commission that these subsidies had been paid?

Now that the Comptroller and Auditor General had named the four companies interested in Rover Group and one had said that it put its interest in writing, how could Mr Ridley defend the statement by Lord Young of Graffham (the former Secretary of State) that BAe was the only company to approach him to buy Rover? Lord Young's advisers, Baring Brothers, had advised him to create a competitive market.

When most of Rover Group's debts had been written off by the Government, when the group's assets in the shares of other companies had been known by the Government to be worth more than £100 million, when surplus sites had been thrown in which were now worth more than £33 million and the profit forecast was for £400 million over the next five years, how could the Government justify selling Rover for only £150 million?

Was it true that BAe had so far paid nothing despite having made large profits from Rover by selling assets worth £126 million?

The issue was not investment in the past to make Rover profitable (Conservative laughter) but what the result of that investment would have been for the taxpayer in the future.

In those circumstances, how could Mr Ridley deny serious charges of mismanagement, incompetence and waste of national resources by this Government? Its interest was in privatizing Rover at any price and any cost rather than secure what was in the national interest.

Mr Ridley said that relevant items had been included in the estimates and reports to Parliament. Full details were given to the Comptroller and Auditor General when he had started his inquiries.

"I reject any suggestion that I have sought to conceal anything."

BAe had wished to acquire 100 per cent of the company, but the Government was not in a position to sell them that because there were minority shareholders. It was perfectly right and proper that the Government should enable BAe to buy out these shareholders.

It was easy to be wise after the event. Mr Brown was suffering from an overdose of hindsight.

Mr Michael Grylls (Surrey North West, C) criticized the "synthetic annoyance" of the Opposition. They really could not bear the fact that, because of the Government's policy, Rover was now a successful company in the private sector.

Mr Peter Snape (West Bromwich East, Lab) asked if there was no limit to Mr Ridley's arrogance. The only reason why he was at the Dispatch Box was to pre-empt the inevitable row that would follow *The Guardian's* publication of the memorandum this morning.

Mr Kenneth Warren (Hastings and Rye, C) said that the Select Committee on Trade and Industry, which he chaired, had conducted extensive inquiries last year into the whole of this purchase.

"It would have been most helpful if the memorandum could have been submitted to us at the time. With regret, I find his statement, that conventional valuations were not appropriate, really unacceptable."

Lord Young (then Secretary of State for Trade and Industry) had appeared before the committee and had been asked: Have you put a valuation on the machinery and assets of Rover?

"It was to our suprise that he replied 'no'."

Mr Ridley said that the question of what memorandum was put before the committee was one that the committee might wish to follow up. "I was not aware of the point that he raised."

Sir Hal Miller (Bromsgrove, C) said that Mr Ridley was criticized for not keeping Jaguar British now he was being criticized for keeping Rover British. Rover had been bankrupt and was insolvent except for the Government's grant.

Mr David Nellist (Coventry South East, Lab) said that thousands of Rover workers in Coventry would be wondering whether they were witnessing incompetence or corruption. "This deal stinks to high heaven."

Mr Ridley said that thousands of Rover workers were extremely grateful their company was moving ahead and that the loss-making past, in public ownership, was over.

Mr Steven Norris (Epping Forest, C) said that at the very last moment BAe had been so unsure of whether it should proceed that it put off the final Government announcement. When the details of the events were examined it would show that the Government had conducted an exemplary deal.

Mr Andrew Smith (Oxford East, Lab) said that it was the political determination of the Conservatives to sell Rover at any price that counted for everything. The interests of the country, the taxpayer and the workers counted for nothing.

Mr Ridley said that BAe was intending to invest more than £1 billion in Rover.

Sir Giles Shaw (Pudsey, C) said that Varley-Marshall agreement had provided a never-ending agreement to stand by every bill the company had to bear. The company would have been closed but for the arrangement with BAe.

Mr Ridley said that the arrangement came to be known as the Varley-Marshall-Joseph undertakings and had totalled £1.6 billion up to March last year.

"I am glad that they will never be known as the Varley-Marshall-Joseph-Ridley undertakings."

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, was drawn into the Rover controversy when he was asked to arrange a debate on the issue. Dr John Cunningham, Shadow Leader of the House, said that there should be an apology for the "squandering of more than £200 million of taxpayers' money over the Rover fiasco".

Sir Geoffrey said that when he first became Chancellor of the Exchequer the most formidable burden that passed across his desk was the unending series of bills for the losses of nationalized industries.

They included the continuing outpouring of millions of pounds on the motor industry. The Government had been able to staunch that flow by the privatization of many of the nationalized industries.

The sale of Rover had been conducted properly. Millions of pounds was being lost and it was Labour who squandered those resources.

Ambulance demand rejected

The Prime Minister, at question time, again rejected a Labour call for arbitration in the ambulance dispute.

Mr Stanley Orme (Salford East, Lab) said that the the walkout in London yesterday underlined the seriousness of the situation.

"Will she now instruct the Secretary of State for Health (Mr Kenneth Clarke) to refer the matter immediately to arbitration?" (Labour cheers).

Mrs Thatcher said that the pay negotiations "make no provision for arbitration" (Labour protests).

Debate plea on Ethiopia

There should be an urgent debate next week about the impending catastrophic famine in Ethiopia, Dr John Cunningham, shadow Leader of the House, said during business questions.

Sir Geoffrey Howe, Leader of the House, said that Britain had provided aid. The only long-term answer was an end to the civil war in Ethiopia.

Horror at NI killings

The Prime Minister expressed horror at Wednesday's murders in Northern Ireland after being urged by Mr Seamus Mallon (Newry and Armagh, SDLP) to take the troubles by "the scruff of the neck" and solve the problem once and for all.

Indicating that that was easier said than done, she said that the problems of the province could never be solved entirely until there was the full co-operation by all the people there in giving evidence.

Coe selection

The Olympic gold medallist, Sebastian Coe, aged 32, is expected to be selected today as Conservative prospective parliamentary candidate for Falmouth and Camborne. Mr David Mudd, who is retiring, had a majority of 5,039 at the general election in 1987.

Parliament next week

The main business in the House of Commons next week is expected to be:

Monday: Coal Industry Bill, second reading.

Tuesday: Education (Student Loans) Bill, second reading.

Wednesday: Property Services Agency and Crown Suppliers Bill, second reading. Motion on competition in sports and leisure facilities.

Thursday: National Health Service and Community Care Bill, second reading, first day (The debate will be concluded on the following Monday).

Friday: Debate on the misuse of drugs.

The main business in the House of Lords is expected to be:

Monday: Debate on the report of the War Crimes Inquiry. Debate on the electricity industry.

Tuesday: Food Safety Bill, second reading. Debate on Cambodia.

Wednesday: Debate on the National Health Service. Weights and Measures (Sale of Wine) Bill and Trade Union Act 1984 (Amendment) Bill, second readings.

Thursday: Human Fertilization and Embryology Bill, second reading.

Parliament today

Commons (9.30): Debate on Eastern Europe.

'Deal' for centre parties

The Liberal Democrats and the SDP have done a deal in South London to allow each other a free run in their best seats at the next general election (Nigel Williamson writes).

Under the agreement, which was announced last night, local Liberal Democrats will not stand against the SDP MPs, Mr John Cartwright and Mrs Rosie Barnes, in Woolwich and Greenwich, respectively.

In return, the SDP will not be contesting the Bermondsey seat held by Mr Simon Hughes, the Liberal Democrat MP, and will not stand in the neighbouring Vauxhall constituency, held by Labour.

National relations between the two halves of the old Alliance remain strained and yesterday's decision by the two centre parties not to stand against each other was taken at a local level and endorsed by local party members.

Mr Cartwright said last night: "This is obviously in the best interests of both our parties".

Charter 'is road to bankruptcy'

The following report of later speeches in a Commons debate on the European Community's proposed social charter appeared in later editions yesterday.

"Madame [Vasso] Papandreou [the European Commissioner for Social Affairs, who presented the original version of the charter in May] will go down in history as the face that launched a thousand British bankruptcies", Mr Jonathan Aitken (Thanet South, C) said in the debate. "And if we get away with a thousand we will be lucky."

He said that the great divide was not whether they were good Europeans but whether they were going to be bad Parliamentarians and hand over to Brussels control of a vast swathe of domestic policy.

Mr Aitken was among a number of Conservative backbenchers objecting to the charter because it would mean, they argued, handing over power from Westminster to Brussels.

Mr Ian Taylor (Esher, C) said that the Government should have put forward its own social charter rather than being forced to nit-pick. "That is unfortunate because we are now effectively playing on someone else's playing field."

Mr Ronald Leighton (Newham North East, Lab) said that the charter was pretty anodyne and toothless. "It is something of a non-event, an empty gesture, a slogan, a fig leaf to cover the competition free-for-all of 1992."

Mr Tim Eggar, Minister of State for Employment, said that the charter raised expectations. But all the implied promises of longer holidays, shorter hours and minimum wages would have to be paid for.

"Those additional costs can only in reality be absorbed through job losses."

An Opposition amendment calling on the Government to accept the charter was rejected by 273 votes to 203 — Government majority, 70, and a Government motion to take note of it was accepted without a division.

Ministry of Agriculture

Stubble burning to be banned

A decision to ban straw and stubble burning was announced by Mr John Gummer, Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, and was welcomed by the Opposition.

Mr Gummer said in a statement that if Parliament agreed to the ban, it would come into force in England and Wales in the late autumn of 1992. "This will give farmers three seasons to adjust to this new situation and to develop alternative methods of cultivation."

The Government would seek the necessary powers to ban straw and stubble burning during passage of the Bill to provide new powers to control pollution and waste.

He would be able to grant exemptions and he would consult the farming industry on their scope. But any exemptions would be limited to a specific crop such as linseed. There would be no system of licences for farmers permitted to burn under the exemptions.

He would also discuss with the National Farmers' Union how its existing Code of Practice should be strengthened and applied between now and the proposed ban.



Mr Gummer: Ban will be in place by late 1992

The NFU had issued a toughened Code of Practice in 1986 after public complaints in 1983, and a ban on burning was not judged necessary then.

"But in 1989 the problems have returned — with a vengeance. There have been problems of smoke drifting across roads, in some cases with disastrous results, smoke-filled homes, dirty smuts and genuine fears for the safety of propoerty. In addition, there have been considerable losses of hedges and trees and, of course, wildlife."

In a thorough review of policy and existing controls, he had considered the alternatives carefully so that he could respond to public concern and also to farmers' concerns that a ban would add to their costs.

The strongest argument against the NFU's proposed licensing scheme, rather than having a ban, was that it would be unlikely significantly to reduce burning.

Dr David Clark, chief Opposition spokesman on food, agriculture and rural affairs, congratulated Mr Gummer on the decision finally to ban the anti-social and anti-environmental practice of burning. "Truly this year straw burning has become an unacceptable public nuisance in many parts of the country."

The NFU Code of Practice and local authority byelaws plainly had not worked, and it had long been Labour policy to ban burning. He welcomed Mr Gummer's conversion.

It was, however, not enough simply to ban straw burning. Attention needed to be given to the problem of what to do with the surplus straw. Sometimes it could be incorporated, and it could also of course be fed to animals.

Would the Government give financial assistance for research and development into the use of straw in the construction industry, for example, where it could be used as a timber substitute?

Mr Gummer said that the Government was already spending £700,000 on the research mentioned by Dr Clark.

Labour MP tops legislation poll

A Labour MP topped the poll yesterday in the ballot for Private Members's Bills in the new parliamentary session (our Political Correspondent writes).

Mr Motyn Jones, MP for Clwyd South West, the winner, said: "I have invited colleagues to submit ideas for legislation to me. I am determined to introduce something that gets on to the statute book."

He headed the list of 20 names drawn from a ballot of more than 400 MPs at Westminster. Second place went to Mr Michael Mates, Conservative MP for Hampshire East, whose secretary said that he had a particular measure in mind.

The 20 names were:

Martyn Jones (Clwyd South W, Lab); 2, Michael Mates (Hampshire East, C); 3, Michael Colvin (Romsey and Waterside, C); 4, William Shelton (Streatham, C); 5, Edward Leigh (Gainsborough and Horncastle, C); 6, John Wilkinson (Ruislip, Northwood, C); 7, Graham Bright (Luton South, C); 8, Ronnie Clay (Sunderland North, Lab); 9, Martin Brandon-Bravo (Nottingham South, C); 10, Margaret Ewing (Moray, SNP); 11, Edward Loyden (Liverpool, Garston, Lab); 12, Anthony Beaumont-Dark (Birmingham, Selly Oak, C); 13, Douglas Henderson (Newcastle upon Tyne North, Lab); 14, Giles Radice (Durham North, Lab); 15, Douglas French (Gloucester, C); 16, Sir Peter Emery (Honiton, C); 17, Menzies Campbell (North East Fife, Lib Dem); 18, Alexander Carlile (Montgomery, Lib Dem); 19, George Walden (Buckingham, C); and 20, William Ross (Londonderry East, OUP).



Mr Jones: Will ask colleagues for their ideas

Coastal shipping dispute

Retaliation move possible

The Government was contemplating retaliatory action to try to open up other EC coasts to United Kingdom shipping, Mr Patrick McLoughlin, Minister for Aviation and Shipping, said during a short debate on Wednesday night.

The UK's coasts had traditionally been open to all-comers, he said opening the debate on a motion to take note of EC documents relating to the shipping industry.

Those of France, Greece, Italy, Portugal and Spain were reserved for their own flagged fleets. Coastal trades along all mainland coasts in Europe must be opened up to all EC vessels.

The Government's long-standing concern at the obstructionist tactics of some other member states had led it to contemplate retaliatory action. The Merchant Shipping Act, 1988, gave the Secretary of State powers to require that any operator trading in UK coastal waters, or the offshore trades, would have to be established in the UK.

The Government would consider using that power only if it was forced to the conclusion that other EC states tried to prevent progress being made on the agreement of a sensible EC regulation.

Mr John Prescott, chief Opposition spokesman on transport, said that there had been a huge decline in the merchant shipping fleet. Since 1979, the number of ships was down from 1,200 to between 400 and 500 and the number of seamen had fallen from 80,000 to 25,000.

Britain had a strategic responsibility to maintain the safety and defence of these islands. For that it required a military and a civil merchant navy.

The extent of the decline could be seen by the fact that when 38 vessels had been required for a naval exercise, only three could be provided.

Government intervention of one kind or another could affect the size of the fleet. That was the message. But, although intervention was all right in relation of the common agricultural policy, so that we paid more for Common Market potatoes or tomatoes, it was not all right when applied to shipping. Yet the two cases were not so different.

The result was that the United Kingdom had lost 1,000 ships, the jobs of 60,000 seafarers had gone and there was an inadequate fleet to meet strategic requirements. That was the price that had been paid for government incompetence.

Dr Norman Godman (Greenock and Port Glasgow, Lab) asked what the Government's attitude was towards the Community's shipbuilding intervention fund which was an important system of aid to United Kingdom yards.

They could not hope to compete against the yards of South East Asia and elsewhere without the assistance that the fund provided. Was it to continue and if so, would it grow or decline?

Mr Ronnie Fearn, for the Liberal Democrats, asked who would control and operate the merchant ships in time of crisis? Although the threat of war might seem to have receded, there could always be another Falklands conflict.

Mr McLoughlin said that the Government was determined to see progress.

The motion was carried by 128 votes to 79 — Government majority, 49.

Progress reports to be compulsory

The following report of a Lords debate on standards in the GCSE appeared in later editions yesterday.

New regulations will provide from 1991 that schools tell parents each year about a child's progress in the national curriculum.

Viscount Davidson, for the Government, said in the Lords that draft regulations and a circular would be published shortly for consulation. It was intended that the requirement would be phased in from the summer of 1991.

Lord Joseph (C), former Secretary of State for Education, initiating the short debate, said that when he had announced the examination in 1984 he had said that each paper would be suitable for all children, neither too hard for the non-academic nor too easy for the academic.

To that end, he had proposed "differentiation", which might take the form of different questions on the same paper for different ability levels, different depths of possible answer or different papers.

He had also proposed that instead of grades being related to the performance of others in the same exam they would relate to objective criteria. What was the progress on these points?

Viscount Davidson said that the GCSE had got off to a good start but the Government was not complacent. The school inspectors (HMIs) had said that the examination had improved the motivation of children and the quality of teaching. Its fruits had been seen in the record number staying on in school this year and last.

The success of GCSE rested on its being able to test almost the whole of the ability range. Ninety per cent of pupils got at least one GCSE and three-quarters got five or more.

The Government was determined to build on that success.

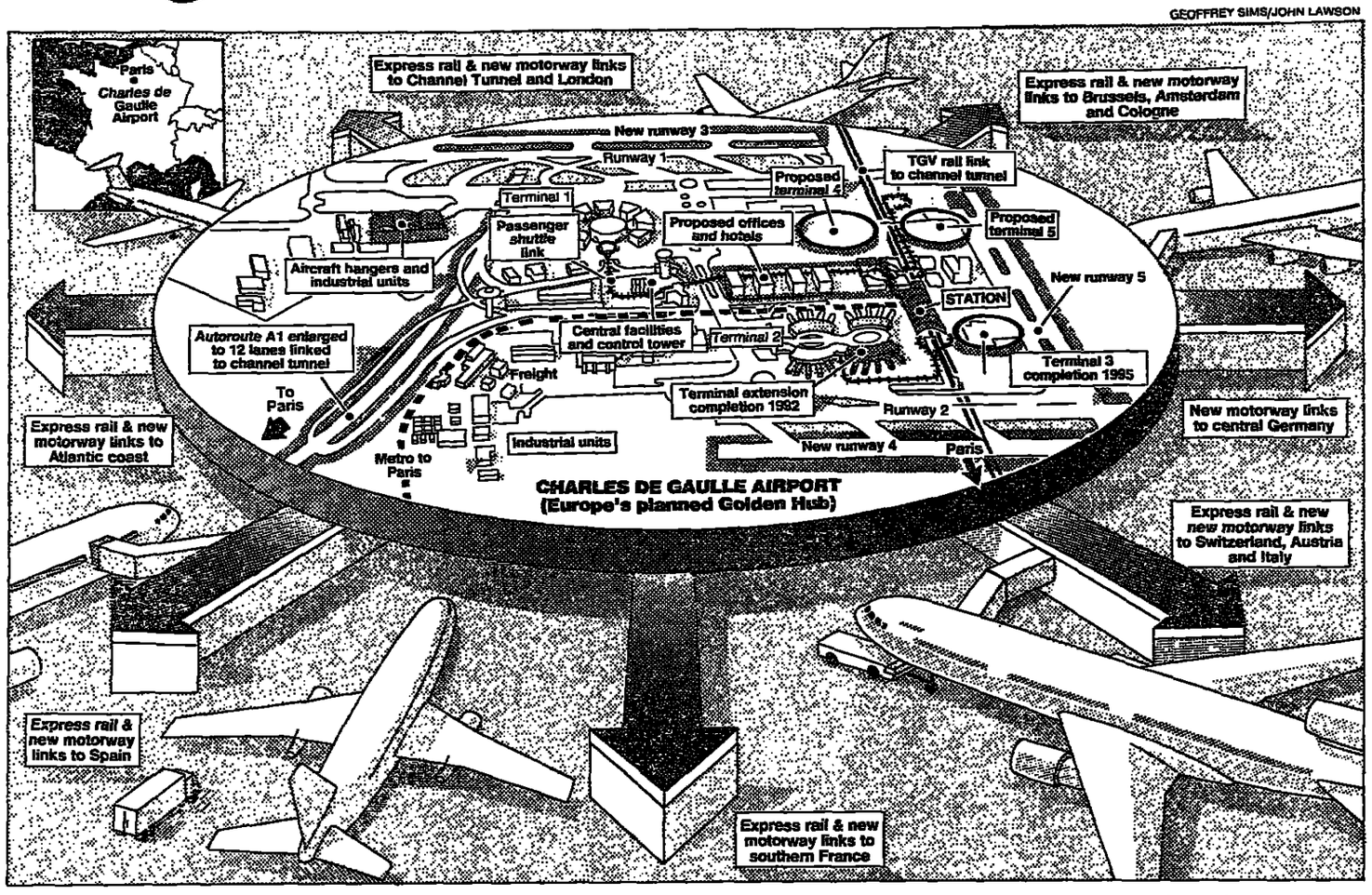
It was expected that all pupils would sit the GCSE in the core subjects and an increasing number would take GCSEs in most other foundation subjects.

Although the GCSE motivated most pupils, there were problems at the extremes of the ability range. The Schools Examination and Assessment Council was considering how to develop assessment methods that differentiated between the ability extremes.

The eagle and the ugly duckling

French plans to make Charles de Gaulle airport the hub of Europe threaten to leave Heathrow grounded in bureaucracy. **Harvey Elliott** investigates

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The French government is striding ahead with bold plans to turn Paris into the transport hub of Europe, while Britain becomes bogged down in conflicts between planners, politicians and environmentalists.

There now seems to be no hope that Heathrow can maintain its position as the world's premier international airport.

While planning in this country is blocked by irrelevant parliamentary manoeuvring, the French are moving swiftly and decisively to ensure that Charles de Gaulle airport, outside Paris, will supplant Heathrow in the next century, and become the transport capital of the Continent.

For when it comes to fruition — and there seems to be no "if" about it — Britain could become little more than a regional satellite, reduced to feeding passengers either by road, rail or air to what the French are already calling the "Golden Hub".

Meanwhile, plans to provide Heathrow with high-speed rail access to major centres — a necessity for any airport with claims to importance — have run into difficulties.

The project for a short, high-speed link with Paddington, to relieve the slow, crowded and inconvenient Piccadilly underground line, has been so greatly delayed that it is unlikely to be ready in time for the opening of the Channel Tunnel.

"In a few years we could be looking at a situation where a passenger will be able to take a mainline train from the centre of London to Paris Charles de Gaulle, and not Heathrow," says Mike King, director of BAA, formerly the British Airports Authority.

There is no sign that anything resembling a viable grand plan exists in the minds of Britain's official planners, to protect London's threatened supremacy as a communications and financial centre by creating the necessary infrastructure.

The contrast between French dynamism and British pettifogging in the field of transport planning is glaring. Heathrow's supremacy, and the earnings that it generates for Britain, are under energetic attack from across the Channel. Yet the Heathrow-Paddington link project has undergone a tragi-comic series of parliamentary misadventures.

The long-term aim of the Department of Transport, BAA and British Rail is to link Heathrow with major cities in Britain such as Bristol and Birmingham, as well as the Channel Tunnel rail link.

These, however, depend on parliamentary approval, and until MPs at least agree to debate the plans nothing can be done. The Heathrow express from Paddington was seen as the first and most important link in the chain. It was originally intended that work could begin next year, with the trains operating by 1993.

'The contrast is between French dynamism and our pettifogging'

It is already more than a year since the Heathrow Express Railways Bill was first presented to Parliament. The House of Lords, which was considering the detailed route which the line would take, was unhappy with the way it crossed the M4 west of London, and held it up for several months while new designs, costing an additional £12 million and involving building part of it underground, were produced.

Barry Field, Conservative MP for the Isle of Wight, was unhappy about the way his own Private Bill seeking to curb pop festivals on the island had been held up, and moved a motion objecting to a package of others, including the Heathrow Express Bill.

When MPs tried to revive the lost Private Bills last week, another MP, this time anonymous behind his Order paper, shouted "object", and they automatically foundered.

Now parliamentarians are trying to find some procedural device which will allow them to revive the Bill again so that it can at least be discussed by the House of Commons and, perhaps, get Royal Assent next year.

Yet, judging by yesterday's abortive attempt at least to set the Bill down for debate in the House, this is a vain hope indeed. Even if they are successful — and Field has threatened to go on objecting unless his own Bill is included — the lack of parliamentary time will mean a delay of at least a year. The effect of an entirely unconnected squabble will thus be to put the opening of the rail link back until 1994 at the earliest.

In its one-sided contest with Charles de Gaulle, Heathrow has other handicaps besides its poor rail links. It is hemmed in on a four-and-a-half square mile site, with poor road and rail connections and little scope for expansion. For years, plans to expand have been strenuously and understandably resisted by the large population which lives near the flight-paths.

By contrast, Charles de Gaulle was selected in 1964 because it had room for any development which could conceivably be needed. It already has two runways, and it is being rapidly developed into an airport which could have no fewer than five, and a capacity of 100 million air passengers a year. In the next five years the plan is to spend more than £800 million on creating the infrastructure to turn the proposals into a reality.

More than 38 million passengers pass through Heathrow every year, and for the moment it can still pride itself on being the biggest and best airport in Europe, through which international travellers can connect to the widest range of destinations.

Only 15 years after it opened, Charles de Gaulle is used by 22 million passengers a year. But the French government has marked it out as the future hub for both long and short distance traffic which is due for immense expansion worldwide. The visionary foresight and boldness of the project is indicated by the way in which French planners envisage Charles de Gaulle as far more than just an airport.

The key to its success is in the close integration of road, rail and air, and the ample space available for cargo and office development — which, it is confidently predicted, many of the world's leading companies will select as the site of their European operational headquarters, from which they will be able to strike out into any part of the world at a moment's notice.

At least 100,000 sq m of office space will be available, designated as a public utility and therefore comparatively free of planning restraints.

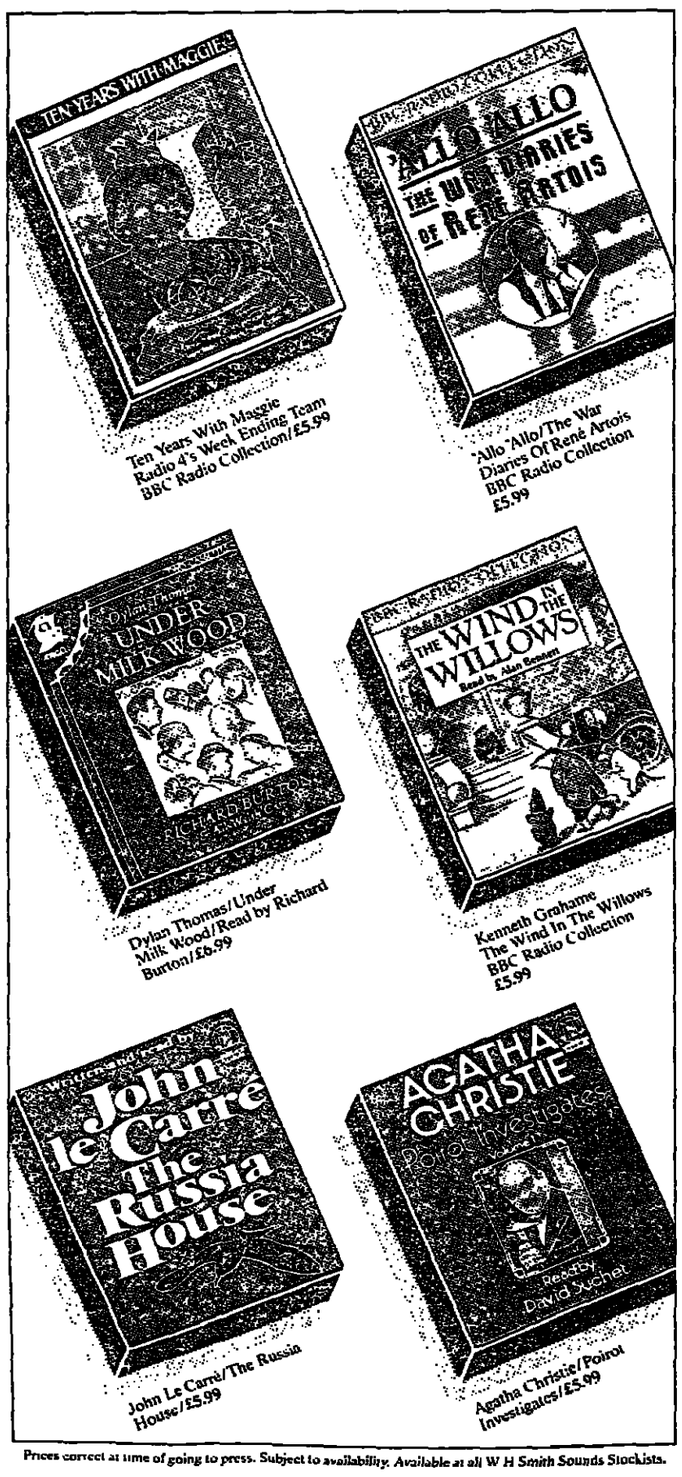
Bernard Lathière, president of Aeroports de Paris, has spelt out his aim: "To confirm the position of ADP as continental Europe's leading airport authority, and to develop actively the role of Carles de Gaulle not only as the gateway to Europe, but as a major transit hub."

French environmental groups have few objections to the plan, because the airport has been placed in featureless an empty agricultural land, and also because they see that the economic benefits which are bound to flow from the development will put money in their pockets and add to the greater glory of France.

Huge new motorways, doubling the size of the existing three-lane highway into Paris, less than 30 miles away, will link Carles de Gaulle with the projected trans-European highway network. More importantly, the line of the high-speed express from the Channel Tunnel is being diverted to pass through the centre of the airport, with connections to the ready-completed local fast rail link to Paris, which is to be improved still further soon.

Road is as important as rail. This week Geoffrey Whalen, president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, warned the Government of the risk that British companies might be tempted to move to northern France to take advantage of the enormous improvements rapidly taking place in the French motorway system and to avoid the chaos on Britain's roads.

Britain's transport strategy has been forced for months to yield precedence in national politics to procedural tangles. French observers may well see this as symptomatic of Britain's priorities in meeting the economic challenges of the next century.



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Lordships for commoners

Instant nobility could be yours next week — if you have the money

For the social climber who has everything except an entrée into hereditary gentility, it is an occasion not to be missed. Next Tuesday, at Lord's cricket ground — where else? — some 31 Lordships of the Manor, a couple of Feudal Superiorities and the odd Barony will go under the hammer.

It will not, of course, discourage potential bidders to learn that none of the lordships come with an actual manor *house*. Which is not to say, however, that there are not some material benefits to be acquired.

The lordship of Stamford Bridge, for instance, comes with the right to collect one shilling a year rent from the Pocklington, Rural District Council, in Yorkshire, and the right to hold a fair "for the buying and selling of all sorts of cattle, goods, wares and merchandise upon payment of the accustomed tolls".

So attractive did this particular package appear that Manorial Holdings, the auction organizers, received a request for a catalogue from Chelsea Football Club. "It seems that the club officials mistook the lordship to be that of their ground, rather than the battle site," said Mr Robert Smith, chairman of the Manorial Society.

Among other perks of becoming a lord of the manor is ownership of the subsoil and its minerals — never mind that you can't get at them because someone else owns the bit on top — and the right to style yourself, say, "John Jones, Lord of Crofton and Whinnow", on your passport and credit cards.

Prices are expected to start at about £7,000, with lordships such as Stamford Bridge, Brighton-Lewes and Bodmin Francis in Cornwall fetching far more. "The highest price fetched this year has been £60,000 for the manor of Birtles, in Cheshire," Smith said.

But how will the successful buyers be received by their "subjects"? How, I thought, would the people of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire react to having me as the town's new lord of the manor?

Michael Sykes, proprietor of North Street Wines, was less than encouraging. "The town tried to buy the freehold of the market square and the lordship of the manor not so long ago," he said. "I don't think we would be at all pleased if someone else stepped in."

Hugh Joscelyne, managing director of the furniture retail business founded by his grandfather 110 years ago, was even more dismissive. "With the greatest respect," he said, "we wouldn't want an upstart from London like you getting it."

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'Once decided, the line can only be drawn in blood'



BARBARA AMIEL

Our world leaders were all looking a little peaked this week. Mrs Thatcher had the appealing smile of a stoat frozen in car headlights as she chattered her way through *Panorama* earlier this week. Mr Gorbachov was restrained as he emerged from his plane in Rome on a visit to the Pope. Perhaps it was the 10-point German reunification plan from Chancellor Kohl that disheartened him, or more likely the mood of Mrs Gorbachov, standing behind him and looking grim in her animal-friendly grey cloth coat.

These are strained and strange times for many. A health hydro in Wiltshire got quite a lot of attention when a doctor at a conference there claimed that environmental activists are suffering the worst from green-related stress. Greens spokesperson Sue Birley said yes it was true, being an environmentalist is very stressful. Dark greens, she said, had been driven to live in tepees. Myself, I have no doubt that greens suffer more stress than most of us, although I expect the very worst stress is suffered by members of the Flat Earth Society, who must worry themselves sick that one misstep is enough to launch them into outer space.

The funny thing is that, since most people in fact have self-fulfilling prophecies, it is possible that the bad effects of the ozone-layer depletion will single out greens, and the rest of us will be just fine. The most stressed person I ever met was pianist Glenn Gould, who wrapped himself up in a shawl and gloves throughout Toronto's July and August, terrified lest he catch a cold. He ended up dying at some unnaturally young age.

I wonder how stressed Gorbachov feels? Is life turning out as he planned? Is this what he had in mind when he decided to improve things – the possible reunification of Germany, the apparent restoration of capitalist democracy in Poland, Hungary and Czechoslovakia, the threatened break-up of the Soviet empire, and the final and total loss of communism as a social model?

What was his motivation when he started the ball rolling? I suppose there is a 1 per cent chance that he actually thought communism was an evil system that was no good. There is also a 1 per cent chance or so that Gorbachov's apparent reforms are all a plot on his part, in which he decides to sacrifice rooks, bishops and queen in order to lull the West into complacency, and then checkmate us with some brilliant move.

But more likely, Gorbachov simply wanted to give the USSR a spot of communism-with-a-human face. Probably he believed, like Imre Nagy, that "reform communism" was compatible with the maintenance of communism. Perhaps he shared thoughts with Alexander Dubcek – so far as Dubcek ever could formulate a single thought.

What now? The communist hardliners have been proved right, as I always thought they were, in their belief that any genuine reform of communism spells the dismantling of communism. It really must stick in Gorbachov's craw. The minute a nice caring reform communist allows such non-communist words as "opposition" and "democratization" into the language, the ingrates turn around and use those concepts to delete any reference to communism in their societies.

What none of us is sure about is how this will be played out. Will Gorbachov and the Politburo decide that they have passed the point of no return, and let the string be played out? Or have they decided to draw the line? Where will opposition parties and democratization stop?

You see, the one thing of which I am sure is that Gorbachov must either decide to draw the line or else, after a period of time, communism will disappear, because you cannot have reform communism. If the Soviet Politburo does not draw the line, the same thing that happened in Czechoslovakia will happen in the Baltic countries, in the Ukraine, in Georgia and you name it. And the sobering thought, further, is that it doesn't matter where they decide to draw the line, once drawn it can only be drawn in blood.

If Gorbachov and his supporters decide, for example, to let everything take its course outside Moscow, they would have to retrench to a Muscovy principality with a border around the city and tanks inside to keep citizens in line. The minute it became crystal clear to the countries of the Warsaw bloc that Moscow at this point in time was not going to send in its tanks, it took less than a year for the whole edifice of totalitarian communism to dismantle.

All this, of course, is really the work of Ronald Reagan and Mrs Thatcher, and I really don't think we can reiterate this too often. If it hadn't been for the scientific and economic reality of Star Wars, Yuri Andropov would never have initiated overtures to the West. Unable to compete economically with the cost of that American defence technology, the Soviets chose another method of dealing with us, and the rest is *glasnost*.

Now we wait. If the line is not drawn by the central committee, well, we will have to cope with all the problems presented by a post-communist world. And if it is, we will have to decide what to do about it. All we can know today is that the later the line is drawn, the more blood it will cost and the more involved we will be. Now that's a reason, isn't it, to feel really stressed?

What is the Astor legacy?

As campaigners for women's rights form a new front, Lesley Abdela asks: how far have we come in 70 years?



'The UK and Ireland are the only countries which exclude part-time workers from legal protection'
Sylvia Perry



'We will continue to see many older women forced into poverty and dependency'
Sally Greengross



Women's champion: Nancy Astor touring her Plymouth constituency in 1919, at the start of her campaign for women's needs



'The next major changes for women are dependent on changing the lifestyles of men'
Val Hammond



'Focus in the Nineties is on a balance between work and family for women and men'
Joanna Foster

Seventy years ago today, as soon as Prime Minister's Questions had ended, Nancy Astor, a neat figure in what was to become her instantly recognizable parliamentary uniform, black coat and skirt, white blouse and black hat, entered the House of Commons. American-born Astor had become the first woman Member of Parliament to take her seat in the Mother of Parliaments.

This morning, Baronesses Seear, Ewart-Biggs and Gardner are sponsoring the launch at the House of Lords of a new umbrella action group, the National Alliance of Women's Organizations.

More than 100 women's organizations, representing four million women, have already joined NAWO, including the Women's Institutes, the TUC Women's Committee, and the 300 Group, plus smaller groups such as the East London Black Women's Organization.

NAWO is described by its director, Jane Grant, as "a network of networks", somewhere between a CBI and TUC for women, which she believes no government or political party can afford to ignore.

Today's NAWO launch has haunting echoes of Astor's own initiative. In 1921, little more than a year after her election, she called a gathering of women representing more than 40 women's organizations to her home in St James Square. They set up a consultative committee with the object of improving the political, economic and social status of women.

On the 1921 campaign agenda were day nurseries, clinics and play centres, slum clearance, open spaces for recreation, better housing and the introduction of women into the police force.

Since Astor's entry into the House, urgently required laws to improve women's lives have passed through Parliament, including Jo Richardson's Domestic Violence and Matrimonial Proceedings Act 1976, the Married Women's Property Act 1964 (introduced by the then Dr Shirley Summerskill), the 1987 Family Law Reform Act, plus the landmark Sex Discrimination Bill 1975, introduced by Roy Jenkins and Baroness Seear. But women are still campaigning for proper nursery schooling, child care and housing, issues which were taken up by Britain's first woman MP three generations ago.

I asked seven of today's "front-line" women which single piece of legislation they would most like to see urgently introduced to achieve equality for women.

Jane Grant, director of the National Association of Women's Organizations, says: "It is almost impossible to choose one piece of legislation out of so many needed. But if I have to choose the one with the most far-flung repercussions, it would be parental leave. Parental leave would enshrine the principle that men as well as women have responsibilities for looking after children."

Val Hammond, director of the Ashridge Management Research Group: "The next major changes for women are dependent on changing the lifestyles of men. Until we change organizations, we can't really change the experience of women at work, because women are always being 'fitted in' to the existing male work pattern."

The president of UK Federation of Business and Professional Women, Sylvia Perry, says: "Rights of part-time workers are very important. Eighty three per cent of part-time workers in this country are women. They need legislation. The UK and Ireland are the only countries in Europe which exclude part-time workers from legal protection."

Joanna Foster, chair of the Equal Opportunities Commission: "Focus in the Nineties is on enabling a better balance between work and family for women and men. It means introducing paternity leave, parental leave and career breaks for both men and women for family reasons, to care for grandparents as well as children."

Marie Armitage, of the Women's Health Network: "Government needs to recognize the holistic view of women's health. Money for cancer screening is important, of course, but governments must also learn to take a much deeper all-round view of women's health. There are practical steps to relieve stresses on women which cause them to get physically and mentally ill – financial hardship, unemployment, and carers. It means providing more funding for the informal support structures for those caring for the elderly and sick, as well as children, and for creche facilities and transport costs."

Sally Greengross, director of Age Concern: "We want legislation to ban age discrimination. Until legislation makes it impossible for older people to be treated as less than full citizens, we will continue to see many older women forced into poverty and dependency.

Marjorie Bain, former chair of Edinburgh Women's Committee, now director of housing on the Shetland Islands Council: "Scottish wages are below English and Welsh wages, and Scottish women earn only 60 per cent of men's earnings. I would like to see more housing help for these low income women, possibly in the form of mortgage subsidies; and legislation to empower local authorities to transfer the tenancy of public sector rented property to the woman, and to evict her partner in cases of violence or strong abuse."

All these needs are described as urgent. But is the Government taking heed? Could the problem lie in the lack of women in Cabinet and Parliament?

Just over a week ago, an Early Day Motion was sponsored by MPs of both sexes in to honour all the 139 women MPs to take their seat since Astor entered the House. The motion wished the all-party 300 Group well.

It would be welcome if Parliament also honoured Britain's 30 million loyal female subjects in practical, life-enhancing terms. My own personal wish for the 1990s? I'd put at least 10 women in the Cabinet and at least 300 women in the Commons (and far more in the Upper House, too). Women might then set the legislative agenda, and achieve a better world.

● *Lesley Abdela is a co-founder of the 300 Group and author of* Women with X appeal, *published last month (Optima, £5.99). NAWO is at 122 Whitechapel High Street, London E1 7PT (01-247 7052).*

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Lively debate

If she had not been an only child, being brought up in wartime Egypt, Booker Prize-winning novelist Penelope Lively might never have become a writer, she tells Ray Connolly in *The Times* tomorrow. "Obviously it was a childhood with enormous opportunities for solitude and imagination. I spent long hours just playing alone, building elaborate stories in my mind around my toy animals. I suppose this is what happens to children who are thrown on their own resources. Some children might have been desperately unhappy. I wasn't."

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News on environmental issues

Dear diary

Are the bulky organizer diary days numbered? For optimum credibility, the diary to carry around in 1990 could be *The Green Year* (Virgin, £9.95). It lists major ecological events scheduled for the year, facts and hints on how to live a more planet-friendly existence, and boasts a foreword by (who else?) the ubiquitous David Bellamy. So if, alongside your schedule of board meetings, you want to find a reputable acupuncturist or the organic way to banish slugs from your garden, this diary – available from bookshops everywhere – is for you.

No-drive drive

Most of us still do not think twice about getting into our cars for even the shortest journey. That may change once we have seen *Driven to Destruction*, from the series "The State of Europe", screened on BBC2 next Thursday at 8pm. Cars are already responsible for one-quarter of the man-made emissions causing the greenhouse effect, and the number on Europe's roads looks destined to double by the year 2000. But the programme's producer, Andrea Michell, says the outlook is not totally pessimistic. Besides focusing on the problems of cities such as Athens (where between six and 10 people die on an average summer's day from a combination of heat and smog), the programme looks at Switzerland's solution to the problem. Higher taxes for Swiss car drivers and lower speed limits have already been introduced, and 2,000 solar-powered cars cruise the highways.

City wildlife

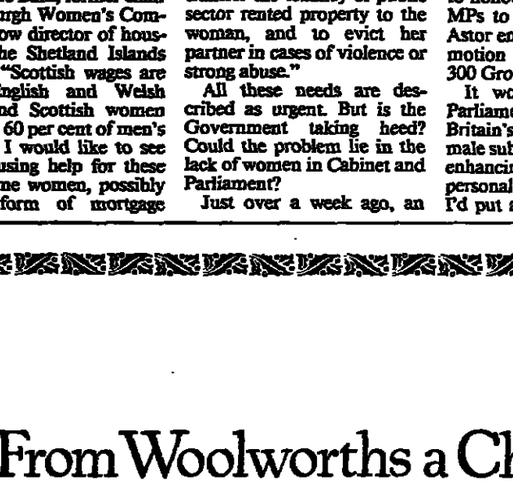
The concrete jungle will resound with the sound of bongos tonight. If residents of Holland Park see strangers clad in loin-cloths, carrying spears, it is all in a good cause. The £30-a-head, invitation-only Tusk Ball (to be staged at a secret location in W11), in aid of the endangered elephants of Tanzania's Ruaha National Park, confirms that conservation looks set to be *the* charity flavour of the coming decade. Perhaps the attraction was the auction of items donated by celebrities, the bar organized by West End nightclub Fred's, or an exotic, African-style decor by top party designer Michael Howells. But organizer Tim Beddow puts the interest down to growing ecological awareness. The ultimate seal of approval: *Vogue* is sending a photographer.

Giving green

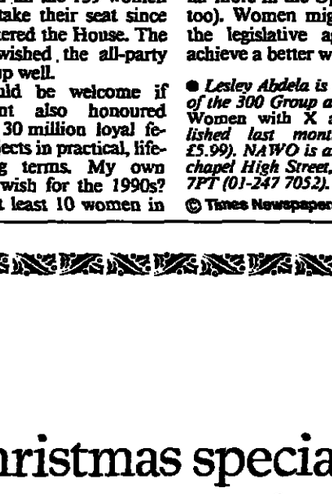
Giving environmentally-sound gifts has, until now, been difficult. The London Ecology Centre has just thrown open its doors for a green Christmas gift fair, offering a wide range of goodies including those from the National Trust, Greenpeace, Animal Aid, and the Findhorn Foundation. The Centre will be open Monday to Saturday, 10am-6pm until December 23, at 45 Shelton Street, Covent Garden,. London WC2H 9HJ (01-379 4324).

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NIGEL WILLIAMSON

Sir Anthony Meyer has been a critic of the Prime Minister virtually from the day she was elected, but I learn of one unusual occasion when he was reluctantly transformed into her stoutest defender. To mark the tenth anniversary of Mrs Thatcher's premiership earlier this year, Sir Anthony and the Labour MP Stuart Bell, two of the most fluent French speakers in the Commons, were invited by the BBC World Service to debate for a French transmission the pluses and minuses of a decade of Thatcherism. As Bell gave the standard Labour line about the Prime Minister being the biggest disaster to hit Britain since the Black Death, the first man to challenge her in 14 years was left little option but to offer fulsome praise of his party leader. But, says Bell: "Sir Anthony is a man of great integrity. His words clearly left him feeling most uncomfortable."

Despite Labour's continuing lead in the opinion polls, the most sophisticated election betting system still makes the Conservative Party the favourite to win the next election. Under the book run by I.G. Index, a bet is placed on a quoted number of seats to be won by each party, with a prediction whether the figure will move higher or lower. The bet can then be closed at any time, as the assessment of seats likely to be won changes according to political circumstances. The current quotes are for the Conservatives to win between 312 and 322 seats and for Labour to capture between 285 and 295. In other words, if Labour is to win the 326 seats necessary for an overall majority, a £10 "up" bet placed at the 295 figure today would, on the day Neil Kinnock moved in to Number 10, pay out £310 — very generous odds of more than 30:1. Stuart Wheeler, managing director of I.G. Index, tells me that its quotes are based entirely on how much money is placed by clients — and the simple fact is that Labour supporters to date have been very wary about backing their party to win.

BARRY FANTONI



'The promise was only a land fit for heroes — no mention of their wives'

Following my revelations last week about the arguments over the Labour nomination in Hartlepool, I can now report that the Tory party is not immune from such strife. Last week members of the Crewe and Nantwich Conservative Association were informed that Peter Slater had been chosen by Tory elders in the constituency as the candidate best equipped to win the marginal seat from Labour's Gwyneth Dunwoody. Party rules leave the decision to the constituency executive, but supporters of the rival local contender, Brian Silvester, were unhappy with the way the decision was reached.

The selection was challenged at a meeting of all party members two days later, when Silvester's supporters demanded a rerun. The party agent, Roger Pratt, reluctantly agreed to a ballot on the matter, and blank pieces of paper were distributed to the 240 Tory members present. Pratt refused to allow any scrutineers, on the grounds that he was the only independent observer present. He did not announce the voting figures, declaring that the ballot had endorsed the executive's decision. There was then a further vote by show of hands on whether to accept Slater. The result was described by many present as "very close", but Pratt rejected calls for a hand count, saying that the result was quite clear, whereupon a large number of party members walked out in disgust, swearing never to accept the decision. Pratt tells me that he is "confident everything was done by the rules". Dissidents say that the whole affair could end up in the courts.

Can it be true that the man once described as the conscience of the left was the only Labour MP to go through the division lobbies with the Government on Tuesday night, on a Liberal Democrat amendment to the European unity part of the Queen's Speech? *Hansard confirms it, for there, between the two Tory* knights of the shires, Sir Trevor Skeet and Sir Dudley Smith, is none other Dennis Skinner. The official Labour line was to abstain. But if there is one thing that the Beast of Bolsover hates more than voting with the Tories it is voting with the Liberal Democrats in favour of European unity.

Washington

The moment of Mediterranean truth is almost upon us. As thousands of advisers, pressmen and communications experts mass at Malta's Marsaxlokk Bay to watch the superpower leaders at sea, it may become clear who has been fooling whom for the past few weeks.

Will there be surprises or, in President Bush's words, will the only surprise be a lack of surprise? Will it be another Reykjavik (as Mrs Thatcher may fear), another Yalta (as the Russians have smilingly suggested), or another Potsdam, putting back the first rivets into a reunited Germany?

No one knows, perhaps not even the participants. Gorbachov and Bush both have a record of pulling rabbits out of their hats, but each may feel that natural forces are being quite magical enough at the moment.

The American administration has made great efforts to prepare the world for all possible outcomes. Whether you call it diplomacy, public relations, spin-doctoring, or even plain politics, it has so far been the main story of this meeting.

Peter Stothard on the potential for surprise in the superpower talks

Malta's little mysteries

For months the non-summit was Washington's biggest secret. Its announcement would have been a *coup de théâtre* had not a leak to the press finally spoilt the plot. One US journalist, upbraided by his editor for failing to get the scoop, retorted: "What do you expect? They didn't even tell the head of the CIA."

Then it became just a little meeting, a "get acquainted session" at which the two leaders could put their feet up and talk. That was a flop with the voters. Americans did not want their president making his big-stage début in a non-speaking role.

With a little help from the men behind the Berlin Wall, the meeting was turned into session to discuss the fast-changing face of Europe. This played well in America — but created consternation abroad, especially when the Soviet spokesmen began hurling lead-lined jokes about Malta rhyming with Yalta. Bush had to mount a major exercise to reassure his allies that Gorbachov and he were not about to treat Europe as a Thanksgiving turkey. Then came a Pentagon plan to cut its budget. This required more reassurance, an affirmation to Mrs Thatcher that America was not about to bring home its troops. Malta was not going to do for armoured brigades what Reykjavik nearly did for nuclear missiles.

After all this, one wonders whether Bush has any energy left to talk to Gorbachov. They may not be negotiating, but there will be little ground across which they can proceed on autopilot. The future shape of Europe was not even indirectly discussed at President Reagan's summits, so Bush must chart the territory.

He can take comfort from his support at home. The summiteers' club is much changed since President Carter was pitied by Leonid Brezhnev for his inability to persuade the Senate to ratify the Salt 2 treaty. Now the American President is the one in tune with his government, while Gorbachov's hands are tied by his generals, his discontented *apparatchiks* and his hungry peasants.

Being a superpower boss is not what it was on either side, however. The great days for summit-lovers were when Nixon and Brezhnev did the talking and Kissinger wrote the scripts. No nonsense then about no-agenda meetings. Before 1960, summits were bigger parties: like the one in Geneva in 1955 for which Macmillan helped to write the American speeches, the French held hands with the Russians and Eisenhower turned up only so as not to appear "senselessly stubborn".

George Bush could be forgiven for wondering if those days might not be returning. Might they not even be preferable to sitting at the captain's table of the USS Belknap with Mrs Thatcher an invisible parrot on one shoulder and Chancellor Kohl an invisible monkey on the other?

In the past, much effort was expended on deciding where the summits should be held, although there is no evidence that it ever made the slightest difference. Months of anger went by as the negotiators argued about whose turn it was to be host, about whether the choice of Helsinki would imply approval of the Soviet human rights record, or whether the choice of Vienna, where Salt 2 was signed, would be a bad omen.

We do not know how the two sides came to be in Malta, but it is unlikely to have been contentious. The Wyoming mountain background for the meeting in September between James Baker, the US Secretary of State, and Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, showed the Russians what a difference a good view can make to the television message. A historic Mediterranean bay with two warships bobbing in the waves is almost as good as the wild west. Even a non-summit is a place in the spotlight.

Gorbachov has a weaker bargaining position than Bush, but he has the stronger stage presence. He has watched as modern global media have beamed their messages into his empire and helped to bring walls crumbling down. He knows that those same television cameras can also be his friends.

It will be quite a contest. One of the fiercest rounds may take place today, before the talks begin, as each side ensures that it matches the other — not in missiles and bombers but in background briefers, camera positions and press telephones.

The tragic casualties of peace

Norman Stone explains the political background to the Aldington trial — the post-war power bargaining that led Britain to send the Cossacks back

The enduring monument to the spirit of 1945 is Richard Strauss's *Four Last Songs*. The old man had known Edwardian Europe, the *belle époque*. He had now witnessed its decline and fall — the First World War, communism, Nazism, slump; in the Second World War Central Europe's great cities smashed to pieces. Strauss had played along with the Nazis, believing them to be a force for something resembling civilization. That belief was broken, along with others, as the starving, louse-ridden scarecrows emerged from the concentration camps as the final condemnation of the Nazis — and, in many ways, of the Central European world from which they had emerged. *Four Last Songs* is Strauss's elegy for that world.

Did Europe have a future? In May 1945 one would certainly have thought not. In France and Italy there was penury; there was an atmosphere of near-civil war, because communists had acquired a powerful role in the Resistance, had weaponry, and had the support of a considerable part of the electorate. Germany was rubble, to be occupied by her conquerors, as was Austria. To the east and south, there was pandemonium. Various liberals, conservatives, nationalists and communists had fought things out until finally the Russian army moved in, bringing its native collaborators in its baggage wagons. Everyone to whom I have talked about that time has a startlingly clear memory of the moment of liberation by the Red Army. It is total recall, and well it might be, for the entry of the Russians into Central Europe was a Hegelian moment. "Have we really let these barbarians into the heart of Europe?" asked Churchill at the end of the war.

We had, and it was unavoidable. We had declared war on Hitler in 1939, and Hitler had attacked Stalin in 1941. We and the Russians were therefore allies, on our side very admiring allies, for we knew that the Russians had taken the brunt: a million starved to death in the siege of Leningrad, the Ukraine occupied and ruined, Moscow saved only by a whisker, the oilwells of the Caucasus set alight.

There was a Russian counter-attack of great resilience and skill, which enabled Stalin's men to reach German territory before the Western allies had fought their way out of the Norman hedgerows. By April 1945, the Red Army was installed behind what future generations would know as the Iron Curtain. Not only that, it occupied parts of the territory to the west of it, and the great debate that went on in military circles in Moscow for years afterwards was whether the Red Army could have taken the Ruhr before the Western powers got there.

The Russians had powerful friends in the West. It was touch-and-go whether France and Italy would explode in civil war, with communists victorious, as happened in Yugoslavia. Greece, close to the Suez artery of the British Empire and not far from its oil artery, was already in the early stages of a civil war. British troops had been used in Athens to put the communists down, causing widespread disapproval at home. In other words, in 1945 we were very close indeed to seeing a communist Europe.



When Europe was up for grabs: British troop celebrate their victory under a Soviet poster in Berlin

The conditions for this were all in place. There were appalling shortages and outbreaks of disease. There were powerful, large, respected communist parties. The Soviet army was everywhere. Traditional institutions — monarchies, aristocracies, churches, armies, parliaments — had been greatly discredited by wartime events. There were floods of refugees from everywhere and anywhere — ex-inmates of concentration camps, German city-dwellers, German, Hungarian, Romanian, Ukrainian prisoners of war in millions, displaced persons also in millions — living on tinned meat. America, the only non-communist power in a state to resist communism, was intent on disbanding its armed forces in Europe, leaving the European allies to deal with 200 Soviet divisions which Moscow had no intention of disbanding.

Where did all this leave the British? For that is the backdrop to the Aldington trial.

To be in a position of responsibility in Whitehall in 1945 must have been a nightmare. Imagine it. You have to answer, in varying degrees of immediacy, for the problems of one quarter of the world's land surface; and you have to take an urgent interest in much else, especially the Middle East, because of oil. You have a strongly anti-militarist population and an electorate that wants socialism. You have no money at all and are constantly being bailed out by the Americans who, however, are not being very helpful.

They do not like the British Empire, believe in decolonization, and will not take on a world role corresponding to their economic weight. Privately, they are very generous, but the man in Whitehall feels he is on his own, and has a nightmare to sort out. That nightmare can only mean some kind of bargain with the Russians. They have the cards.

The bargain that *was* struck emerged after the Tehran Conference at the end of 1943, when we let down the Poles at Quebec; in the summer of 1944, when the military borders were suggested; at Moscow in October 1944, when Churchill and Stalin divided Europe into "spheres of influence"; and finally at Yalta where, in return for a promise of free elections and good Soviet behaviour, we let the Russians take over their side of the Iron Curtain.

One side effect of all of this, noticed at the time only by a few British Catholics, and a little later by George Orwell, was that we agreed to send back those Soviet citizens who had fought on the German side. At the time this seemed to be a small concession, and one within international law. In return Stalin restrained the French and Italian communists, and kept the Greek ones on short rations. That was the bargain.

The scenes in Austria in May 1945, when anti-communists were tricked or forced on to trains to be sent to their deaths along with their women and children, now occupy a large place in our memory, but at the time, consciousness of this was far less. The British military authorities had huge areas to occupy, unreliable food supplies, and very complicated communist allies. Stalin had most of the trump cards, and the Americans were bored and far away.

If, to keep Stalin on your side, you had to sacrifice the anti-communists of Eastern and Central Europe, why not? Of all the millions of people milling around Central Europe, needing to be fed by the desperately hard-pressed British taxpayer, they appeared the least deserving.

We were, of course, wrong. We were wrong to let down the Poles, and we were wrong about Tito in Yugoslavia, as we were later wrong about Ceausescu in Romania. Feeding the vanity of Balkan communist monsters in the hope of finding communist anti-Soviets did not work. But in the circumstances of 1945, when military men in a hurry had few resources to deal with ghastly problems, the strategy for the handover is comprehensible. What would any of us have done in the shoes of a certain Brigadier Toby Low, trying to deal with all of this mess at quite a low level, and later raised to the peerage as Lord Aldington? This is a trial on the jury of which I am glad not to have served.

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Even the television cameras vote Labour

Robert Kilroy-Silk sees a party close to power but with no overall strategy

It looks as if the Labour Party is well on course to win the next general election. All the signs are pointing that way. The economy is teetering on the edge of a recession, and if it does not actually tumble into the abyss then its wobbles will have wreaked sufficient havoc with people's lives and aspirations to make them think twice about voting Tory again.

It is certainly now far too late for an economic recovery to be mounted in time for polling day, even if that is put off to the last possible moment as the Prime Minister seems to intend. Whatever recovery does occur will be too little and too late to erase the memories of the intervening hard times.

By then, too, the memories of Labour's winter of discontent, so fondly and so often evoked by the Prime Minister, will be even dimmer, as indeed will any memory of what the last Labour government did or did not do. Mrs Thatcher will only seem petulant if she continues to harp on her forerunners' failures every time she cannot find an answer to an awkward question. This is all right for the knockabout of Prime Minister's Question Time in the Commons, but it is a turn off to voters, especially first-time voters, many of whom cannot even remember the last Labour government, still less what it did.

The current warfare in the Tory party and the undermining of the credibility and, more important, the confidence, of Mrs Thatcher, can only assist Neil Kinnock. No one else will profit in the long term.

If Tory MPs do not like her, and say so publicly, why should the rest of us have any affection for the Prime Minister? If her party and parliamentary colleagues disagree so profoundly and so vehemently with her on Europe, the economy, the National Health Service and the poll tax, to take four policies that are central to the Government's overall strategy, then why should the uncommitted believe her? They say she is mad, so why should the electorate trust her? If a sizeable proportion of Tory MPs wants her to retire, it is not surprising to find that a majority of the electorate prefers an alternative government.

That is what the polls say. They have been saying it for some time. A trend has set in that will be difficult to buck. Now that the Labour bandwagon has gathered pace it will be hard to stop. It is again becoming acceptable and respectable to support the Labour Party.

The polls say more than that the electorate would prefer another occupant in Downing Street. Gallup's poll in *The Daily Telegraph* this week shows that an astonishing 65 per cent of the electorate believe that they would be either better off or no worse off under a Labour government than they are now. If anything can be said to be the writing on the wall it is that. Even the voters' doubts about Labour's posture on defence are beginning to crumble, and they will disintegrate as the Eastern bloc dissolves.

The televising of Parliament will also help the Labour Party more than the Government. Neil Kinnock and his Shadow Cabinet are able, for the first time, to speak directly to the electorate, rather than through the biased medium of the Press. They can speak for themselves, have a conversation directly with the voters, and be judged accordingly.

They will do well. As even his best friends will testify, Neil Kinnock is not and never has been a good House of Commons performer, but he has come across as naturally warm, and as a more competent leader, than he has ever appeared before.

Success on the television screen will do enormous things for his confidence and that of his party. The better he gets, the better he will become. The reverse is true for the Prime Minister. Just let it be seen that Neil Kinnock is getting the better of her with voters' hearts and minds, and she will never recover, nor will her party.

All that Neil Kinnock has to do is to take a deep breath and hold on tight for the next couple of years. If he can do that, the keys to Number 10 will be his for the asking. The Labour leader has certainly done everything in his power to make Labour look what it now seems, a party of government — even to the extent of cajoling Dennis Skinner into a crisp white shirt for his chairmanship of the party conference.

This does not mean that there are no problems ahead. The daft left may have been marginalized and become reasonably well behaved, but it does still exist, albeit in deep sleep. The electorate knows this. Some 16 per cent of voters still believe the party to be in the hands of the loony left. The figure will quickly increase if Labour's campaign against the poll tax is allowed to get out of hand and falls into the control of the militants who want a strategy of non-payment.

That would be as manna from heaven for a beleaguered Mrs Thatcher. Not only would it detract from the poll tax's iniquities and anomalies, which are losing the Government the support of many of its own voters, it would also enable Mrs Thatcher to present Labour as a revolutionary gang of street agitators bent on breaking the law.

No doubt Neil will deal with this and all the other little difficulties. They are surmountable. The real problem is what happens when a Labour government is elected. That is when the public will wake up and find that it has elected decent and competent men to office who have no overall strategy. It will be the moment when Labour Party members discover that the government has no soul. It will be the moment when the ministers themselves realize that while they have a will to win and to hold on to office, they have no real sense of purpose or direction. That is when the problems will begin.

Take the down line for destiny



ALAN COREN

Small towns do not make history; they wait for history to make them. Like Blanche Du Bois — a sylvan hamlet in the Auvergne, if I remember aright, twinned with Williams, Tennessee — they have always depended upon the kindness of strangers. Bethlehem, Gettysburg, Kittyhawk, Agincourt, Los Alamos, Ladysmith, Yalta, lie drowsing on the misty banks of the River Lethe until, willy-nilly, they are suddenly awoken by the midnight *rap of* destiny's knuckle, and by dawn you cannot hear yourself speak for the ringing of the souvenir-mongers' tills.

Last Monday, British Rail submitted a Bill to Parliament concerning further plans for the Channel tunnel. Now, while enshrined within it is what will surely be welcome, if minor, recognition for a number of hitherto anonymous villages — there are to be passing loops at Headcorn, Otford, and Borough Green, not to mention a major junction at Bickley — there is no question but that the nub of this document, and the fulcrum of the mighty communications system it addresses, is a new half-mile rail link at a place called West End Lane.

This is very possibly the first time any of you have heard of West End Lane — unless, of course, your ringlets are coiffed by Bojangles For Hair, or your clogs are cobbled by Mr Minit, or your liver is undermined by The Grog Blossom — but were you to walk to my front gate and throw a reasonably aerodynamic stone, there is a fair chance that someone in West End Lane would cry "Ow!"

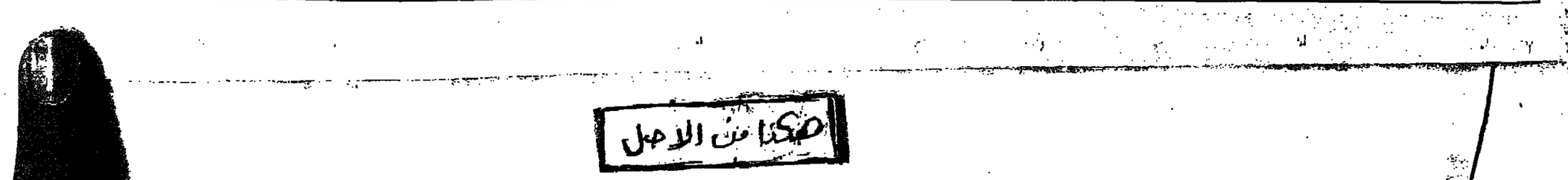
For West End Lane is the jewel of South Cricklewood: it lies equidistant between Shoot Up Hill and Finchley Road, bonding their two great hinterlands together with all the sophisticated glitter of dried Uhu. And now, thanks to its fortuitous position athwart the Sheffield-St Pancras and North London lines (currently feeding Fenchurch Street, St Pancras, Moorgate, Liverpool Street, King's Cross, Euston, Marylebone, Paddington and Waterloo), yet greater glory beckons. Because South Cricklewood is to be nothing less than the British nexus of Eurolink. Heathrow on rails.

Small wonder that local hats flew in the air at the collapse of international communism: the new mobility following in freedom's wake will mean that, as soon as the requisite digging and making good is done, a man will be able to walk into the Vladivostock ticket office and ask for a cheap return to Cricklewood, and there will be nothing to interrupt his course, except perhaps frost on the points at Ashford. Such tourists could very well be big spenders: though the phrase "much-needed roubles" has yet to trouble the *FT*'s typesetters, the Cricklewood economy has never been one to look a gift horse in the mouth, and I am assured by the chatelaine of Jason's Fish Bar that a Russian able to cough up nothing more than the wherewithal for a bag of chips and a pickled gherkin would not be shown the door.

Conversely, when mulching palls and the crossword's done and there's nothing on but *Very Nearly the Best of the Two Ronnies Again*, I shall be able to throw a few toiletries into a carpet-bag, stroll into the South Cricklewood concourse, pluck a credit card from my wallet, and, in little more than two shakes of a brakeman's pennant, join the fashionable *vien-et-vont* along the Odessa promenade. If, that is, something better doesn't crop up *en route*: as E. Phillips Oppenheim and Graham Greene would be only too ready to bear witness, a thousand miles of permanent way can be a funny old Johnny, and should a sloe-eyed heiress burst into my sleeper on the grounds that the bloke with the ermine spats and the duelling scar who got on at Bratislava means her no good at all, I may not be answerable for my response.

Yestermorning, I strolled down to the present Cricklewood Station to test the wind. It is a rum building, in Victorian post-house style, with a hand-written placard tied to its bent railing saying "Cash paid for unwanted coke, please ring . . .", and at the moment the furthest you can get from it without changing is Purley, but I have every confidence that when the great Euroday dawns, history's balance shall not find it wanting.

I mean, you'd never believe the state Gatwick was in, once upon a time.



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THAT VISION THING

The floating summit off Malta this weekend will be the sixth encounter between President Gorbachov and an American president. There can hardly have been a moment in the nuclear age at which an exchange between the superpowers was more important.

The nuclear statesmen face a cluster of issues which are almost entirely new. The changes which are transforming Europe are likely to modify profoundly the framework of a post-war security system which was shaped originally by an immediate and massive threat from the East. Issues of defence and security remain of paramount importance, but the decisions to be made about them must now be based on a new set of assumptions.

The melting of the Warsaw Pact *glacis* will produce great uncertainty, however, and possibly instability, too. The meeting in Malta is no more than a beginning. It will be followed by a period of churning political and diplomatic activity. Between now and Christmas, the leaders of the West will criss-cross Europe, seeking to impose some order on the flux of their ideas.

The first question to be pondered by Europe's leaders is how *much* defence they are going to need in the new nuclear age. The European members of Nato must not only recalculate what the alliance needs by way of solid guarantee against a possible threat; they have to do so in the awareness of strong American domestic pressures to reduce expenditure on European defence.

No amount of consultation inside Nato can wish away a conflict over sharing the burden. It may turn out that American reductions will be on such a scale that European countries are unable to shrink their own defence spending either as much or as quickly as they would like.

The second issue that Western leaders now have to think about is the *type* of defence which new realities dictate. The fact that war is less likely than it was 40 years ago does not remove the need to lay credible plans.

Europe may have to take over some of the roles hitherto assumed by American Nato forces, using new technologies. Defence hardware will have to deliver better value for money. With the probability of one or more CFE (Conventional Forces in Europe) agreements, tank warfare loses its pre-eminent importance. With the prospect of several years of uncertainty over the position of US Nato forces in West Germany, Franco-British nuclear co-operation may need to be further advanced.

President Bush will no doubt wish to lend an understanding ear to Mr Gorbachov's many domestic problems (some of which are discussed in the following leading article), but sympathy should stop short of suggesting that the solidarity which has served the West so well will be modified to help Mr Gorbachov stay in power. In the last year, the full extent of Soviet economic paralysis has become clear, but the West can do little in a material way to affect the success or failure of *perestroika* so long as the Soviet system remains fundamentally unreconstructed.

There are two specific instances of unreconstructed Communist practice which President Bush could usefully point to. One Stalinist island remains in Eastern Europe — the Socialist Republic of Romania. That grim and impoverished State may have succeeded in isolating itself to some degree, but that does not mean that Moscow is wholly without influence. President Gorbachov could properly be asked to put his weight behind moves to abolish the leading role of the Ceausescu dynasty.

He should also be pressed about the discrepancy between his professed desire to remodel Soviet foreign policy along more co-operative lines and his continued sale of arms to client states across the globe. President Bush is believed to have the question of Soviet arms supplies in Central America high on his agenda, and rightly so.

Dr Henry Kissinger pointed out this week that the chance to build a more stable and hopeful international order occurs no more than once in a century, and that the fluidity of the present situation offered President Bush an unrivalled opportunity — time, he said, with a flick of irony, for what the President himself had called "that vision thing". Mr Bush will never have a better occasion to demonstrate that he possesses it.

UP HILL ALL THE WAY

Pessimistic economists, inside and outside the Soviet Union, are fond of asserting that *perestroika* has not yet begun to effect the structural changes vital to the country's modernization. Dr Leonid Abalkin, President Gorbachov's chief co-ordinator for economic reforms, may take some small comfort from this week's *World Labour Report* by the UN's International Labour Office.

In the ILO's judgement, a modest start has in fact been made to the process of "rolling back the state" in the Soviet Union. State sector jobs are being shed, and private sector employment is growing. Synchronizing these developments to prevent a massive and politically destabilizing increase in unemployment will, however, be enormously difficult. Indeed Dr Abalkin acknowledged the risks involved when he presented his radical new economic strategy in Moscow earlier this month.

The hostility with which it has been greeted by the party's conservatives is a measure of how ambitious it is: the plan is a blueprint for the creation of a market system. It reflects Dr Abalkin's conviction that the solution to the notoriously low productivity of Soviet workers is to give citizens "economic freedom". He believes that incomes should be liberated from artificial ceilings and regulated through taxation alone.

The ILO report gives some indication of what this will mean to a workforce wholly unaccustomed to occupational or geographical labour mobility. In the Russian republic alone, more than 260,000 Civil Service jobs have already been axed. The USSR petroleum industry shed 140,000 workers in 1987, a trend echoed in "thousands of establishments".

The ILO predicts that, as the Soviet Union moves from a command method of economic management, the absorption of this "surplus" labour will involve radical changes in work patterns, including multi-shift work to make fuller use of industrial capacity and a pronounced move to self-employment. It is to the latter that the ILO believes reformers should look for job creation and the socially all-important boost to the consumer sector.

In the final analysis, however, it will require a far higher level of economic growth if socialist economies are to cut back their state bureaucracies and improve industrial productivity without large-scale unemployment. Current policies rely on "enterprise self-financing", which in theory introduces cost-accounting and rewards the most efficient enterprises and workers through notional retained profits. But the ILO report gives a warning that "without a realistic pricing policy, any cost-accounting system lacks credibility."

That conclusion will come as no surprise to Dr Abalkin. But he has yet to devise a formula for loosening price controls, given the enormous pent-up demand in the Soviet economy, without unleashing hyper-inflation. The invitation to Moscow last September of Dr Alan Greenspan, Chairman of the US Federal Reserve, testifies to the perplexity of the Soviet Union's reformers.

The ILO report underscores the difficulties of the transition from a command to a market economy. Between the lines, there is a message which may become more starkly apparent as the pace of reform accelerates. That is that *perestroika* cannot succeed without an efficient public administration; but that no part of the workforce is likely to be more demoralized by it than the Soviet bureaucracy.

DAMAGE BY JURY

The award by a jury of £1,500,000 damages for libel yesterday was so manifestly extravagant that it has brought the law into disrepute. The libel was a serious one, and the jury rightly found it so; the plaintiff was a man of public affairs with a reputation to defend; there was evidence of malice by the defendants. But the jury's award is so great that it raises the question of whether it should remain within the power of a libel jury to impose so cruel a penalty.

The award has reopened the issue of principle that the Court of Appeal thought it had closed in its judgement setting aside the £600,000 award against *Private Eye*. The Court of Appeal has always been reluctant to overrule the judgement of a jury on the seriousness of a libel. The court thought in future juries should be invited to consider the size of the lump sum they might award in terms of its income equivalent, for instance if it were invested, so that the jury would have a point of reference closer to their own experience.

Those guidelines were followed by Mr Justice Michael Davies, who reminded the jury that it is not their duty or their right to punish the defendants or fine them. The damages were only to compensate Lord Aldington for the harm done to him, and to demonstrate publicly that he had been vindicated.

When in the past libel damages against newspapers reached into six figures many saw it as a sign of public exasperation with the conduct of certain newspapers, who, it was clearly felt by juries, had begun to publish items irrespective of their truth for the sake of circulation and hence for profit. It is not possible to know what really goes through a jury's mind, however. The award in yesterday's case suggests such speculations might have been mistaken, for the two defendants, Count Nikolai Tolstoy and Mr Nigel Watts, are not wealthy newspaper tycoons.

Most lawyers who deal regularly with defamation have developed their skills at estimating the particular value of a libel based on their knowledge of many such cases, though recently those predictions have become much more tentative. Few after yesterday will dare to offer any guess at all. Juries, on the other hand, have no obvious or easy way of approaching the task that faces them of estimating a figure equivalent in value to the seriousness of an attack on someone's good name. In that respect the Court of Appeal's new guidelines do not help them at all.

The only rational basis for weighing an equivalence between two things as different in kind as an act of defamation and a sum of money is by reference to past judgements, so that in the absence of mathematical accuracy there is at least consistency. It is necessary for justice that those who come before the law should be treated equally. But every jury is unique, and few members of the public will ever serve on one in a single libel case, let alone two.

Juries are, so to speak, without memory. Whatever rules for this almost impossible calculation they decide to apply, they have to make them up afresh for themselves. They are not allowed to be guided in court by what awards were made in other cases — which means, in practice, that they will be guided by such haphazard precedents as they are able to recall, which will be mainly large awards which have attracted public attention because of their size.

Whether or not there is an appeal against yesterday's judgement, the award greatly strengthens the case for giving judges far more influence over the level of damages, for instance by giving guidance on the appropriate upper and lower limits. It would be better still to leave the level of damages to the judge himself, guided by such riders as the jury might want to attach to its general findings. Matters cannot now be left as they are.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Joint ambulance service plan

From Mr P. E. Henry

Sir, The following suggestion is made as the basis for a possible solution to the current ambulance dispute, plus future economies in overall costs. I write as a recently retired principal officer in the London Fire Brigade after 30 years' service.

The accident and emergency element of the ambulance service should be amalgamated with existing fire brigades, to form a comprehensive emergency organisation. This would provide not only for parity of salaries between ambulance crews and firefighters, but also help reduce costs.

Financial savings could be considered, with regard to the duplicated arrangements for receiving 999 calls and taking the appropriate action. At present, for example, the London Fire Brigade and ambulance service operate separate mobilising controls for receiving calls which require a similar response, i.e., the despatch of either a fire engine or an ambulance.

In my opinion, one organisation could adequately provide for this function and thereby cut costs. Similarly, joint fire and ambulance stations with resultant savings, in building and maintenance costs, would be a feature of the new service.

The formation of a combined fire and ambulance service would provide the potential for a more, efficient, co-ordinated reaction to large-scale emergencies. The recent disasters at King's Cross, Clapham, and others that were of national prominence, demonstrated the affinity between fire and ambulance service functions.

The newly-formed emergency service could be administered on a similar basis to the existing fire authorities with central government providing policy guidance.

Yours faithfully,
PETER HENRY,
19 Tristan Square,
Blackheath, SE3.
November 27.

Language teaching

From Mr John Izbicki

Sir, The fluent and sensitive use of English among Germans, both East and West, who have appeared on television and radio these past momentous weeks is not all that surprising (Mr Wilcocks' letter, November 17). The teaching of English (as well as Russian in the case of East German schools) is taken extremely seriously by educationists in every other part of Europe, far more so than the teaching of foreign languages is taken here.

Polytechnics, which have long recognised the need for managements in industry and commerce to be fluent in at least one other language than English, have geared their language courses more to the application to business of linguistic fluency than to the study of Corneille or Kleist and many hundreds of their staff and students are involved in regular exchanges with their counterparts in similar institutions in Europe.

East Germany, for obvious reasons, has not figured prominently among such exchanges in the past. To mark what must be considered as a substantial swing in the history of that country, the Committee of Directors of Polytechnics has proposed the setting up of a series of research scholarships for students from universities and *Fachhochschulen* within the German Democratic Republic. Most of the 30 polytechnics in England and Wales and the Scottish central institutions affiliated to the CDP have agreed to offer one such scholarship each, and the Secretary of State for Education and Science is studying proposals for injecting the scheme with Government cash.

Yours faithfully,
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November 20.

Events in Sri Lanka

From Mr Nimal Mathew

Sir, The heading in your obituaries column (October 20), "Cyril Mathew, Sri Lanka's scourge of the Tamils", misrepresented the ideals my late father stood for. He had, and our family have, many good Tamil friends. If my father was anybody's "scourge", it was of the terrorist separatist movement in Sri Lanka.

Neither my father nor the trade union movement in Sri Lanka had anything to do with the dreadful riots in July, 1983. Had he been involved there would have been an inquiry; if found guilty, he would have been sacked from the Cabinet and the party, and rightly so. In any case, the President could have dismissed him forthwith.

My father was relieved of his Cabinet post in December, 1984, and subsequent attempts were made to expel him from Parliament over some matter which the then President interpreted as trying to undermine his own authority.

Yours etc.,
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November 16.

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Urgent task to fight Ethiopia famine

From Mr Cosmo Russell

Sir, News from Ethiopia confirms that famine remains a long-term problem which calls for the following immediate action:

1. Agreement between the USA, the Soviet Union and the European Community that the Ethiopian crisis is a world priority problem; that the creation of famine conditions through avoidable human agency is a crime against humanity; and the Ethiopian Government and rebel forces be informed accordingly.

2. Agreement by all three parties above mentioned to despatch a massive food airlift to the Roman Catholic mission in Tigré, supported by a United Nations peacekeeping force to protect distribution during the emergency.

This world problem should feature on the agenda of Presidents Bush and Gorbachov in Malta.

Yours etc.,
COSMO RUSSELL,
Parapet House, Lenham, Kent.

From Mr Hugh Hanning

Sir, As parliamentary demands mount for the British Government to respond to the new Ethiopian famine, let us hope it does better than last time.

On that occasion (1984-85) the RAF airdrop was magnificent, but it was no thanks to the Government. It was triggered by a succession of unofficial activists, starting with Oxfam and Save the Children, who invoked Michael Buerk of BBC TV, whose programme in turn impressed the Archbishop of Canterbury into calling specifically for the RAF. This was greeted with sneers by a Government minister; but once the RAF was launched, by popular acclaim, and the world followed suit, the Government got on the bandwagon.

Even then, it actually made a profit out of the famine, by exorbitant transport charges and a VAT tax on Live Aid. The Eire Government, which also felt obliged to impose the charge, siphoned the proceeds back into Africa.

The whole Thatcher decade has been a series of missed opportunities on disaster relief, with Government contributions on the ground dwarfed by those of the voluntary agencies. In Armenia 12 months ago the surgeons, doctors, and search and rescue workers were all private citizens, working in their own time, except for a handful of firemen, who were financed by the Kent ratepayer. The Armed Forces were ready to go, in various modes, but were all stood down.

On that occasion the Whitehall word was not sneers but smears, still going on, about how the volunteers got in the way — a view not shared by President Gorbachov in a glowing testimonial to them on world TV.

Ethiopia today gives this Government a chance to make amends before the true Scrooge saga comes out.

Yours etc.,
HUGH HANNING,
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From Dr Tekeste G. Tekie

Sir, The periodic recurrence on our screens of famine in Ethiopia makes me wonder why we continuously forget that the main cause of famine in Ethiopia is war, though aggravated by rain failures. As an Eritrean I believe that the cause of famine in Eritrea is the daily aerial bombardment by Soviet-supplied Ethiopian MiGs, the mining of tens of thousands of acres of cultivable farmland by Ethiopian soldiers, and the forceful movement of people from their farms to security zones.

Prior to the war in Eritrea, natural calamities were contained; for example, in the mid-fifties the then Eritrean Government imported food from the Sudan, using its cash reserves, and fed its people. People had free movement and were allowed to work on their farms and to use a lot of irrigation; others engaged in trade and supported their families. Now a whole set of draconian rules are in operation in my country, exercised by the occupying Ethiopian force and curbing basic rights of free movement.

Sir, I believe that to avert the impending loss of lives the international community should press the Ethiopian regime to allow free passage of food to Eritrea, Tigré and other areas to reach the victims. Unless the Eritrean issue is resolved by a referendum and there is a change of the Mengistu regime in Ethiopia, we shall continue to see drought-stricken children on our screens again and again. Make no mistake about it.

Yours sincerely,
TEKESTE G. TEKIE (Chairman, Eritrean Community in UK),
244 Upper Street, N1.

Alternative homes for boat people

From Sir Philip Goodhart, MP for Beckenham (Conservative)

Sir, You report (November 27) that the Prime Minister and other ministers claim that there is no alternative to the forcible repatriation of those Vietnamese boat people in Hong Kong who are not classified as political refugees. There are alternatives.

First, at the last United Nations conference on refugees from Vietnam, held in Geneva, the Philippines made a generous offer to substantially expand their existing refugee facilities on Bataan to provide temporary asylum to refugees from Hong Kong and other places. The discussions on this offer have gone slowly, but many thousands of the Vietnamese refugees now in camps in Hong Kong could go to Bataan when the Philippines' conditions have been met.

Secondly, more can be done to find alternative homes for the Vietnamese boat people in countries that have not so far provided any places for refugees.

The United States, which has provided new homes for nearly one million Vietnamese refugees in the past 15 years, is owed vast sums of money by many countries in Central and South America. The problems of recycling this Latin American debt are shared by many Western nations. Perhaps a small part of this debt could be earmarked for the purchase of passports which could then be used to increase the size of the existing orderly departure programme from Vietnam.

The idea of buying passports is not as strange in Central and South America as it is in Europe and some Hong Kong residents have recently been buying the passports of some Central American countries for up to $50,000 each. As a start, the United States and this country could suggest to Mexico and to Brazil — a country with a good record of race relations and where there are long-established Asian communities — that we should buy 10,000 passports for $500 million of written-off debt and that a further small amount of debt could be written off to provide the new immigrants with start-up funds.

Of course millions of Vietnamese would like to settle in the West, where there are well established welfare systems. The alternative of resettlement in countries with bleaker economic prospects could conveniently separate those who genuinely want to escape from an oppressive regime, from those who are primarily interested in getting to the bright lights of Western cities.

Thirdly, the presence of 50,000 boat people in Hong Kong, coupled with the threat of fresh arrivals in the spring, presents us with a psychological, rather than a physical, problem. In the 1970s, I remember visiting Cambodian camps in Thailand which each contained more than 60,000 refugees. The British Government has already provided substantial sums for the camps in Hong Kong; we could, and should, do more to take on the administrative and financial burden of the camps.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP GOODHART,
House of Commons.
November 28.

From Mr Lawrence Breen

Sir, Among the arguments being deployed by ministers, including the Prime Minister herself, in defence of the Government's proposed mandatory repatriation of Vietnamese boat people from Hong Kong, much is currently being made of the fact that, apart from the "genuine" refugees among them, these people are in effect illegal immigrants, and that other countries, including the United States, regularly deport such people without incurring the opprobrium which the forced repatriation of the boat people is likely to arouse.

Surely, however, the analogy is misleading. There is a world of difference between detaining individual illegal immigrants as they arrive and sending them straight back to their country of origin, and attempting the enforced repatriation of up to 40,000 people who have, rightly or wrongly, already been admitted to one's territory and given food and shelter there.

Some of the people now threatened with mandatory repatriation from Hong Kong have been in the territory for a considerable time, and, whatever the authorities may have told them to the contrary, must have come to think that, whatever else might happen, they would at least never now be sent back to Vietnam.

Whatever the moral considerations involved, it would be monstrous to start assembling these people at gunpoint — for that is what would certainly be involved — and sending them back against their will to a country with the kind of human rights record that Vietnam has.

Can nothing be done to change the minds of the ministers concerned before it is too late?

Yours faithfully,
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Swiss civil war

From Mr Philip Denny

Sir, The writer of your third leader on November 25, who claims that the Swiss have not fought since 1515, omits to mention the brief civil war between the federal cantons and the Catholic *Sonderbund* which ended in victory for the former with the battle of Gisikon in 1847.

Although the federal forces mobilised as many as 100,000 men and 174 guns, troops engaged in actual fighting, as distinct from manoeuvring, numbered only a few thousand. The three weeks of war ended with total casualties of about 100 killed and 500 wounded.

Yours faithfully,
PHILIP DENNY,
Tadhill House Farm,
Leigh-upon-Mendip,
Bath, Avon.

Mounting costs in care homes

From the General Secretary of the Leonard Cheshire Foundation

Sir, Mr Norton (November 23) states in effect that the cost of nursing home care is generally greater than that in a residential care home. That is our experience, too, and it is not surprising.

He then states that "the costs might have to be adjusted", by which he evidently means that the client in a home which the National Care Homes Association represents may have to be charged more.

If such homes in the private sector are able to pass on their additional cost in this way they are fortunate. This charitable foundation, providing residential and family care for 41 years, has, since 1985, found itself unable to secure for its residents who are nursing cases sufficient funds from statutory sources to cover anything like the actual cost of the nursing care.

This is one reason why we resist those health authorities who seek to declare some residents in our homes to be nursing cases. Disabled they may be, but not necessarily sick.

In some homes, despite voluntary help, the true cost of providing care has risen to over £450 per week. This is met for most residents by income support of £200 and the balance from "topping up" by the local authority, which has vetted the home's budget. But for "nursing cases", so assessed without appeal by the health authority, the maximum income support payable is only £235, rising to £245 next April.

By a legislative quirk there can be no top-up of this sum. So for all our nursing cases the foundation is forced to endure a substantial and rising deficit.

Let us hope that the Government's new legislative proposals, outlined in the White Paper *Caring for People*, will indeed end what Sir Roy Griffiths referred to in his 1988 report as "a fundamental obstacle to the creation of a comprehensive local approach to community care".

Yours truly,
SIMON HARDWICK,
General Secretary,
The Leonard Cheshire Foundation,
Leonard Cheshire House,
26-29 Maunsel Street, SW1.
November 24.

Tory leadership

From Professor Emeritus Ivor Gowan

Sir, It is reasonable to assume that there are a number of Conservative MPs who are discontented with Mrs Thatcher's policies and her style of leadership. The opinion polls certainly indicate that many people who voted Conservative in the last general election would prefer a change in the leadership.

In consequence there is a lot to be said for an alternative candidate coming forward, whoever he is, so that all Conservative MPs can show their views on this issue, either by voting or by abstaining if they do not like the candidates who have been nominated.

I am surprised that you and many in the Conservative hierarchy are stating that an election is untimely. In my view this is tantamount to saying that the normal democratic processes should not apply in the Conservative Party. You will recall that Mrs Thatcher herself became leader through her courage in contesting an election in 1975 when she challenged Mr Heath. It seems a little odd that anyone should seek to deny others the same opportunity in 1989.

Yours faithfully,
IVOR GOWAN,
17 Wychwood Paddocks,
Charlbury,
Oxfordshire.

Elusive airwaves

From Mr Tom Cross

Sir, Fifty-two years ago (I have the bill) my father purchased a Ferguson radio with three wavebands and 12 push-buttons which could be pre-set to stations as desired.

I have tried to purchase something similar today, without success, to avoid having to spin through pop station after pop station to find Radios 1, 2, 3 and 4. Even dials are not marked with the station wavelengths. I am told that radios are manufactured for an international market.

"Steam" radio served us well. Is there not a British manufacturer who can do the same in what we are repeatedly told is the electronic age?

Yours faithfully,
TOM CROSS,
24 Windmill Drive,
Audlem, Cheshire.
November 20.

On the waterfront

From Mr B. J Keegan

Sir, In response to recent letters (November 17, 18, 24, 29) concerning tower cranes, may I provide some insider information.

Many of these machines will be of French origin, and in France a tower crane is a *grue*. Hence, a host of cranes is a gruep, whereas two are a gruesome. Operating a tower crane business, as we do, is gruelling.

Yours faithfully,
B. J KEEGAN
(Company Secretary),
W D. Bennett's Plant & Services Ltd.,
11a Russell Street,
Stroud,
Gloucestershire.
November 24.

COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 30: The Queen, Patron and President, this morning visited the British Red Cross Society National Headquarters, London SW1, and was received by the Countess of Limerick (Chairman) and Mr J C Burke-Gaffney (*Director General*).

Her Majesty presented The Queen's Badge of Honour to the Countess Mountbatten of Burma and the Florence Nightingale Medal to Miss Elizabeth Lamb.

The Hon Mary Morrison, the Right Hon Sir William Heseltine and Squadron Leader David Walker were in attendance.

By command of The Queen, the Viscount Ullswater (Lord in Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport, London this afternoon upon the departure of The President of the Republic of Korea and Mrs Roh Tae Woo and bade farewell to Their Excellencies on behalf of Her Majesty.

This morning The Princess Royal visited the Royal National Lifeboat Institution National Headquarters and Depot at West Quay Road, Poole, Dorset.

Afterwards Her Royal Highness, President, the Missions to Seamen, attended the St Andrew's Day "Harvest of the Sea" Civic Service at St James's Church Poole and subsequently visited the Missions to Seamen Yuletide Market at the Hinton Firs Hotel, Bournemouth.

In the afternoon The Princess Royal visited King's School, Bruton, Somerset and opened the new Design Centre and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for Somerset (Colonel Walter Luttrell).

Mrs Charles Ritchie was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
November 30: The Prince of Wales gave a lunch for M Jack Lang (French Minister of Culture, Communications, Major Works and the Bicentenary) and Mme Lang.

The Princess of Wales, Patron, Turning Point, attended the premiere of "When Harry met Sally" at the Odeon Leicester Square.

Miss Anne Beckwith-Smith and Mr Richard Arbiter were in attendance.

The Duke of Gloucester this morning visited The Plains and the Waterside Trust Scheme in Totnes, Devon. Subsequently His Royal Highness, as Grand Prior of the Order of St John, presented awards for the Grand Priors Trophy Competition at the English Riviera Centre, Torquay.

The Duke of Gloucester, attended by Major Nicholas Barne, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

YORK HOUSE
ST JAMES'S PALACE
November 30: The Duke of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the Devonshire and Dorset Regiment, today received Lieutenant Colonel C J Biles on *assuming command of the 1st* Battalion and Colonel D C N Shaw on relinquishing the appointment.

The Duke of Kent, as Colonel, this evening attended the 1st Battalion Scots Guards Officers' Reunion Dinner at the Stafford Hotel, St James's Place, SW1.

His Royal Highness was attended by Captain the Hon *Christopher Knollys*.

The Duchess of Kent today opened St Margaret's School Building at the Tadworth Court Children's Hospital, Surrey and *this evening, as Colonel-in-Chief*, attended the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards Officers' Regimental Dinner at the Cavalry and Guards Club, W1.

Her Royal Highness was attended by Mrs Alan Henderson.

THATCHED HOUSE LODGE
RICHMOND PARK
November 30: Princess Alexandra this morning launched DEBEN, the new motor tug for The Alexandra Towing Co Ltd, at the Shipyard of Richards (Shipbuilders) Limited, Great Yarmouth, Norfolk.

Her Royal *Highness travelled* in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The Lady Mary Colman was in attendance.

Today's royal engagements

The Prince of Wales, as President of Business in the Community, will visit projects on the Cruddas Park Housing Estate, Wolsington Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, at 11.05; the Design Works at Selling, 1.00; as President of the Prince's Trust, will visit the Barnardos' Kirkwood Centre at 2.35 to meet trust grant recipients; and will visit the Kenton Opportunities Venture at 2.55 to meet those undertaking Community Service Volunteers' training courses, part of the North West Newcastle initiative.

The Princess of Wales will open the Rodney Porter Ward for HIV patients at St Mary's Hospital at 10.45.

The Duke of York will visit the headquarters of the Badminton Association of England at Milton Keynes at 2.00; will officially open Great Holm Fire Station at 2.30; and BSI Quality Assurance at Linford Wood at 3.40.

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Butler Trust, will visit HM Prison Wymott, Ulness, Walton, Lancashire, at 10.00; and, as President of the Save the Children Fund, will visit H.J. Heinz Company, Kitt Green, near Wigan, *at 11.40 and* receive a cheque for the fund. She will also open new facilities at the Royal Oldham Hospital at 2.00.

Receptions

Speaker
The Speaker held a reception yesterday in Speaker's House for the 300 Group to mark the seventieth anniversary of Nancy Astor taking her seat in the House of Commons and in *honour of every woman who* has followed in her footsteps.

Royal Society
Sir George Porter, President of the Royal Society, yesterday delivered the anniversary address at 6 Carlton House Terrace and was host at the annual anniversary reception held afterwards.

British Fulbright Scholars Association
The American Ambassador delivered the annual address to the British Fulbright Scholars Association at a reception held last night at the Institute of Chartered Accountants. Mr David Heathcoat-Amory, MP, also spoke.

English-Speaking Union
Mrs Valerie Mitchell, Director of Branches and Cultural Affairs of the English-Speaking Union of the Commonwealth, received the guests at a reception held last night at Dartmouth House after *a talk given by Mr Edward* Petherbridge. Mr Kevin Cahill, Education Officer at the National Theatre, presided.

Science report is on page 5

Forthcoming marriages

Herr M. Gresslin and Miss M. Hood
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Herr and Frau Heinz Gresslin, of Badenweiler, West Germany, and Margaret, younger daughter of Sir Harold and The Hon Lady Hood, of St John's Wood, London.

Mr R.M. Allsopp and Miss A.D. Grosch
The engagement is announced between Richard Mark, second son of Mr and Mrs Mark Allsopp, of Coles Oak House, Dedham, Essex, and Alexandra Dominica, daughter of Major and Mrs John Grosch, of Stoke-by-Nayland, Suffolk.

Mr T.M. Courtenay Clack and Miss M.J.M. Charles
The engagement is announced between Tom, younger son of Capt T.A. Courtenay Clack, RN, and Mrs *Courtenay Clack*, of Couston, Wiltshire, and Jenny, younger daughter of the late Rollo Charles, of Penmark, South Glamorgan, and of Mrs W.J. Griffiths, of Warkworth, Northumberland.

Mr M.E. Hart and Miss L.M. Tilley
The engagement is announced between Michael Edward, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Peter Hart, of Canterbury, Kent, and Louise Madeleine, elder daughter of Mr Christopher Tilley, of Geneva, Switzerland, and Mrs *Madeleine Tilley, of Bickley*, Kent.

Mr A. Jacobs and Miss L. Solomon
The engagement is announced between Alan, only son of Mr Leslie Jacobs and Mrs Judith Lenz, and Louise, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Harry Solomon.

Mr R.V. Sadlowski and Miss M.F. Whiddington
The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs V.R. Sadlowski, of Montreal, and Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs R.H. Whiddington, of New York City.

Mr H.C.W. Laurence and Miss S.W. Lamport
The engagement is announced between Henry, only son of Captain and Mrs Anthony Laurence, of Goring-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Anthony Lamport, of New York, where the marriage will take place in June.

Mr J.S. Leslie and Miss J.F. Larmor
The engagement is announced between James Seymour, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.F. Leslie, Leslie Hill, Ballymoney, Co Antrim, and Jessica Frances, daughter of Mr and Mrs P.W. Larmor, 180 Old Ballynahinch *Road, Ballies Mills, Lisburn*, Co Antrim.

Mr D.C. Long and Miss V.T. Edwards
The engagement is announced between David, younger son of Mr and Mrs J.S. Long, of Barnwood, Gloucestershire, and Victoria, only daughter of Mr and Mrs G.W. Edwards, of Howstrake Heights, Isle of Man.

Mr J.H. Mellett and Miss W.K. Dixon
The forthcoming marriage is announced between John Hilton, elder son of Mr and Mrs J.E. Mellett, *of Welling, Kent*, and Wendy Katherine, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D.C. Dixon, of Ockham, Surrey.

Mr A.J. Paterson and Miss J.J. Burn
The engagement is announced between Antony John, elder son of the late Mr J.McL. Paterson and of Mrs Margaret Paterson, of Alresford, Hampshire, and Jenifer Julia, only daughter of Captain W.G.M. Burn, Royal Navy, and Dr Julia Burn, of Windsor.

Mr S.E.P. Rae and Miss L.I.A. Winning
The engagement is announced between Shamus, eldest son of Dr and Mrs J. Rae, of Westminster, and Louise, only daughter of Mr and Mrs L. Winning, of Richmond, Surrey.

Mr D.H.R. Pritchard and Miss O.B. Beazley
The betrothal is announced of David Huw Rhys, son of Emeritus Professor and Mrs David Pritchard, of Swansea, and Olwen Barbara, second daughter of Lt Col and Mrs Simon Beazley, of St Catherine, Bath.

Mr J.E.C. Percy and Miss E.G. Whateley
The engagement is announced between Jack, son of Mr and Mrs John Percy, of Sonning Common, Oxfordshire, and Ella, younger daughter of Mr Alan Whateley, of Stratford-upon-Avon, Worcestershire, and Mrs Norma Whateley, of Bromsgrove, Worcestershire.

Mr E.C.T. Rouse and Miss N.J. Toynbee
The engagement is announced between Edmund, younger son of Colonel A.D. Rouse, of Chelsea, London, and Mrs F.H. Scobie, of Great Shefford, Berkshire, and Nicola, daughter of Mr and Mrs M.R. Toynbee, of Wadhurst, Sussex.

Mr N.O. Brooks-Ward and Miss A.J. Brader
The engagement is announced between Nicholas, youngest son of Mr and Mrs Raymond Brooks-Ward, of Merrose Farm, Portscatho, Cornwall, and Annabel, daughter of Mr and Mrs Paul Brader, of Woodrake Cottage, Lilley, Hertfordshire.

Mr D.J. Singer and Miss D.A. Shaw
The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Joseph Singer, of Highbury, London, and Dominique, eldest daughter of Mr and Mrs R. d'A. Shaw, of Geneva, Switzerland.

Mr A.S.C. Thompson and Miss K. Finch
The engagement is announced between Anthony, only son of Mr and Mrs Pat Thompson, of Dunval Hall, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, and Kate, only daughter of Mr and Mrs William Finch, of Pimlico, London.

Luncheons and dinners

Luncheons

HM Government
The Hon Douglas Hurd, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was host at a luncheon given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at 1 Carlton Gardens in honour of Mr Lech Walesa, Chairman of Solidarity.

HM Government
Lord Trefgarne, Minister for Trade, presided at a luncheon given yesterday at Lancaster House by Her Majesty's Government in honour of Dr Mohammed Mehdi Saleh, Minister of Trade of Iraq.

Service luncheon

The Queen's Regiment
Major-General M.F. Reynolds, Colonel of The Queen's Regiment, presided at a luncheon attended by officers of the regiment at the Duke of York's *Headquarters, Chelsea*, yesterday.

Service dinners

4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards
The Duchess of Kent, Colonel-in-Chief of the 4th/7th Royal Dragoon Guards, attended the annual regimental dinner for past and present officers last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club. Brigadier R.J. Baddeley, Colonel of the Regiment, presided. The Master of the Coachmakers' and Coach Harness *Makers' Company* was among the guests.

The Royal Green Jackets
Lord Holderness, retiring Honorary Colonel of the 4th (Volunteer) Battalion, The Royal Green Jackets, presided at the annual dinner held last night at Haberdashers' Hall. Lord Nicholas Gordon Lennox was welcomed as the new Honorary Colonel.

HAC Infantry
Colonel and Alderman Sir Greville Spratt presided at the Grenade dinner reunion of the Honourable Artillery Company held last night at Armoury House. General Sir George Cooper, Chief Royal Engineer, was the guest of honour.

Eton dinner

C. Mayes'
The late *Mr Charles Mayes' old* boys held a dinner last night at White's Club. Major Colin Mackenzie presided and Lord St Levan was the speaker.

Dinners

Patrons of The National Galleries of Scotland
The Viscount Weir, Chairman, presided at a Dinner of The Patrons held in the National Gallery of Scotland on St Andrew's Night. The Rt Hon Malcolm Rifkind, Secretary of State for Scotland, and Mr Angus Grossart, Chairman of The Trustees, also spoke. Those present included:
The Duke of Buccleuch and Queensberry, The Duke and Duchess of Sutherland, The Duchess of Roxburghe, The Earl and Countess of Dundee, The Earl and Countess of Elgin, The Earl and Countess of Haig, The Earl and Countess of Moray, The Earl and Countess of Rosebery, Lady James Douglas-Hamilton, Mrs Malcolm Rifkind, The Lord Justice-General and Lady Hope, The Viscountess Weir, Lord and Lady Balneil, The Rt Hon Lord Rees, Lady Goold, Sir John Clerk of Penicuik, Bt, and Lady Clerk, Sir Hay Campbell of Succoth, Bt, and Lady Campbell, Sir Robert Andrew, Sir Robin and Lady Duthie, Sir Russell and Lady Fairgrieve, Sir Donald and Lady McCallum, Sir Charles and Lady Fraser, The Hon Sir Steven Runciman, Mrs Angus Grossart, Mrs Vivien Duffield, Mr and Mrs Joe Burnett-Stuart, Mr and Mrs Forbes Macpherson, Mr Kenneth Graham, Mr and Mrs Ranald Noel Paton, Mr Ian Lang, MP, Mr and Mrs Russell Hillhouse, Mr and Mrs Robert Begg and The Director of The National Galleries of Scotland, Mr Timothy Clifford and Mrs Clifford.

Caledonian Club
The Earl of Airlie, President of the Caledonian Club, presided at the annual St Andrew's Day dinner held last night at the club. Mr David Steel, MP, was the guest of honour.

Past Overseers' Society
Sir Reginald Pullen, Chairman of the Past Overseers' Society, presided at the annual dinner held last night at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The Lord Mayor of Westminster, the High Steward of Westminster and the High *Sheriff of Greater London* were the principal guests.

Society of County Treasurers
The Annual Dinner of the Society of County Treasurers, was held on November 30, 1989. The President, Mr Brian Tanner, County Treasurer of Somerset County Council, was in the Chair and the principal guests and speakers were Sir Brian Bailey, Deputy Chairman, Channel 4 and Chairman Television South West Ltd, and Mr Ray F. O'Brien, Chief Executive, FIMBRA.
Representatives of County Councils and Local Authority Associations and the heads of a number of Civil Service Departments were also present.

Order of Merit

The Queen has appointed Dame Cicely Saunders and Professor Sir George Porter to be members of the Order of Merit.

Porgy and Bess

Gala Charity Performance
Members of the Gershwin and Heyward familys will join stars and celebrities at a Gala Charity Performance of the Gershwins' masterpiece, *Porgy and Bess* in aid of Help the Aged on Monday, December 18, 1989 at 8.00 pm. The performance, kindly donated by the UK *Promotors, Patrick Malynn and* the Directors of Status Productions plc, will be staged at the Pavilion on the Green, Ealing Common, Uxbridge Road, London W5.

The Sherwin M Goldman's award winning production received six Tony nominations in 1976 and won an award for the Best in its Class in the American 1976/7 season. Gold tickets at £85 each including champagne and canapes and a gourmet finger buffet with wines at the Celebrity/VIP party; Silver tickets at £65 each including champagne and a three course pre-theatre supper with wines and Bronze tickets at £35 each including champagne are available from First Call on 01-836 3464 or by post to First Call, PO Box 92, London WC2H 9SU. Full details can be obtained by ringing 01-235 1666.

Hatchlands School

Reunion for pupils and staff on Saturday, December 2, 5-7 pm, Queen's Hall, Cuckfield.

23rd of Foot

Success in the All Wales Home *Service Force Competition was* marked at Cwrt y Gollen Camp recently when E Coy 3 (V) Bn The Royal Welch Fusiliers commanded by Major H.B. Rodge, TD, were presented with the Championship Cup by Brigadier W.A. Mackereth (160 Brigade).

Marriages

Mr A.G. Burns and Mrs L.R. Llewellyn
The marriage took place on November 24, in London between Mr Adrian Burns and Mrs Lucinda Llewellyn.

Mr T.D. Neville and Miss C.J.H. Dodson
The marriage took place on Monday, November 27, in London, of Mr David Neville and Miss Caroline Dodson.

Anniversaries

BIRTHS: Anna Commena, historian, Istanbul, 1083; John Keill, philosopher, Edinburgh, 1671; Alexandra, queen consort of Edward VII, Copenhagen, 1844; Ernst Toller, dramatist, Samotschin, Germany, 1893.

DEATHS: Henry I, reigned 1100-35, Lyons-la-Forêt, 1135; Lorenzo Ghiberti, sculptor, Florence, 1455; Saint Edmund Campion, Jesuit martyr, executed, London, 1581; Paul *D'Indy, composer, 1931*; George Birkbeck, physician and educator, London, 1841; Samuel Courtauld, industrialist and art patron, London, 1947; Sir *Peter Buck*, anthropologist and Maori statesman, Honolulu, 1951; John Burdon Haldane, scientist, Bhubaneswar, India, 1964.

Birthdays today

Mr Woody Allen, actor and director, 54; Mr Gordon Crosse, composer, 52; Mr Mike Denness, cricketer, 49; Miss Eva Evdokimova, prima ballerina assoluta, 41; Lord Glenconner, 63; Dame Alica Markova, prima ballerina assoluta, 79; Miss Mary Martin, actress, 76; Mr *Keith Michell, actor, 61*; Miss Bette Midler, singer and actress, 44; Sir William Pile, civil servant, 70; Mr Stephen Poliakoff, playwright, 37; Mr Richard Pryor, actor, 49; Major-General Sir Desmond Rice, 65; Dame Mildred Riddelsdell, civil servant, 76; Mr Andy Ripley, rugby player, 42; Lord Roll of Ipsden, 82; Mr G.D. Squibb, QC, Norfolk Herald Extraordinary, 83; Mr Lee Trevino, golfer, 50; Baroness Willoughby de Eresby, 55.

Memorial service

General Sir Richard Ward
A service of thanksgiving for the life of General Sir Richard Ward was held yesterday at St Peter-upon-Cornhill. The Ven Peter Mallet and the Rev John Cross officiated. Mr Anthony Ward and Mr Jeremy Ward, sons, read the lessons and Field Marshal Lord Carver gave an address. Among those present were:
Lady Ward (widow), Mr and Mrs D Brown and Mr and Mrs John Lace (sons-in-law and daughters), Mrs Anthony Ward and Mrs Jeremy Ward (daughters-in-law), Mr and Mrs P J M Ellis (brother-in-law and sister-in-law), Mr and Mrs Charles Morris-Dembleton, Mrs E Ward, Miss J Ward, Mr Richard Ward, Mr R Mackean, Lady Carver, Colonel Sir Frederick and Lady Pile, General Sir George Cooper (Chief Royal Engineer), General Sir Patrick and Lady Howard-Dobson, General Sir Robert Ford, Lieutenant-General Sir Antony Walker, Sir Hugh Beach (Order of the British Empire), Colonel J Woodward (Regimental Colonel, Royal Tank Regiment), Colonel Michael ff Woodhead (Colonel, 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's)), Major-General R H Swinburn (at Armoured Division and 17th/21st Lancers), Major-General Dennis Cockshaw (B Squadron, 5th Royal Tank Regiment Old Comrades Association), Colonel D Beard (Ironsides Golf Society), Rear-Admiral and Mrs Derek Bazalgette, Major-General P F Pentreath, Major-General John Allan, Major-General G P B Roberts, Major-General J D Lunt, Major-General M Jacks, Major-General H A Lascelles, Major-General R L C Dixon, Colonel and Mrs Michael Farmer and Dr and Mrs E J Lace.



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INTERCITY

OBITUARIES

'GUBBY' ALLEN

A cricketing legend on and off the pitch



Sir George ("Gubby") Allen, CBE, who died aged 87 after a long illness on November 29 at his home close to Lord's, devoted a lifetime to cricket, for well over 50 years of it from within the corridors of power. As a player he was one of the fastest English bowlers between the wars, and he captained England both at home and abroad. As an administrator he became a legendary source of reference and accumulated wisdom.

George Oswald Browning Allen was born in Sydney, on July 31, 1902. Coming to England as a boy of six, he went to Summer Fields at Oxford and then to Eton where he got into the XI of 1919, scoring 69 against Harrow at Lord's. It was not until the following season that he made a mark as a bowler, his nine for 34 against Winchester being a sign of things to come.

As a Cambridge freshman, his first appearance at Fenner's in 1922, was against the University. But after taking seven for 17 for Middlesex he was in the Cambridge side for their next match, and he went on to finish the University season with figures of nine for 78 in Oxford's defeat at Lord's. In his second and last year at Cambridge, disappointment awaited him at Lord's, injury restricting his bowling and Oxford winning overwhelmingly.

After Cambridge Allen's appearances in first-class crickt were irregular, due to business, latterly as a stockbroker. Not until 1936, when he captained England against *India, did he play as frequently* as he had in his last year at Cambridge, and at no time did he play enough either to take 100 wickets or score 1,000 runs in a season. An outstanding bowler, he was also a good enough batsman to make 122 in a Test Match — *against New Zealand at Lord's* in 1931. His most notable single feat was to take all 10 Lancashire wickets for 40 runs, for Middlesex at Lord's in 1929, despite being delayed on the first morning of the match and so unable to open the Middlesex bowling.

The first of Allen's 25 Test Matches was against Australia at Lord's in 1930. Australia declared at 729 for six, Allen taking none for 115. He had come into the England side as a replacement for Larwood and was not chosen again until the next season. There followed *his somewhat* controversial selection for the body-line tour of Australia in 1932-33, when he played in all five Tests without resorting to leg theory as practised by Larwood and Voce.

Australians saw the best of Allen as a fast bowler, his 21 *wickets in 1932-33 and 17 in* 1936-37 accounting for 38 of the 81 he took in Tests. As captain on the second of these tours his disappointment in losing the last three Test Matches, after winning the first two with a side that had been given little chance of success, was acute. Allen took it well, and his rival captain, Don Bradman, who pulled Australia through with his phenomenal batting, was to become a trusted friend.

On and off the field Allen assumed, as though by right, positions of authority. Looking for someone to heal the scars of body-line by leading a happy next tour to Australia, the MCC chose him. Eleven years later, when an experienced cricketer was needed to take an unseasoned side to West Indies, Allen was prevailed upon to go, against his better judgement. At 45 he was too old for the job, and he pulled a muscle on the way out. With the three Ws — Worrell, Weekes and Walcott — coming to their prime, West Indies gave England many hard, hot days in the field. On his return Allen confined his cricket to odd appearances against the Univerisities.

As late as 1953, when he was 50, he made 143 not out for the Free Foresters against Cambridge in what was then a first-class fixture, and he continued to enjoy his golf at the Berkshire.

Allen, at his best, was a very fast bowler, with a galloping approach and fine, thrustful follow-through. He was a useful fielder and no less devoted to the theory and practice of batting. He and H. S. Altham were almost entirely responsible for the MCC Coaching Book, still the standard work of its kind. In all Allen scored 9,232 runs (average 28.67) including eleven hundreds, and took 778 wickets (average 21.22) in first class cricket. His test record was 750 runs (average 24.19) and 81 wickets (average 29.37).

But it was an administrator and selector that he had the greatest influence. In the whole history of the game no-one, not even Sir Pelham Warner, can have given more time and consideration to its welfare and evolution. He had 50 years on various MCC committees, an unequalled span, and was President of the Club, 1963-64, Treasurer, 1964-76, and a Trustee for many years.

As a bachelor living within a cricket pitch's length of the Lord's pavilion, he was generally the last to leave a meeting, having always put his point carefully. The committee room at Lord's could be said to have been his spiritual home: seldom an over passed in his retirement without his being there, by now a slight, silver-haired figure framed in the window.

"Gubby" Allen was President of Middlesex, 1977-79, and a member of the Cricket Council, 1968-82. On every subject to do with the game his views were sought, never with more attention than on technical matters. Throwing, and the no-ball and lbw laws exercised him constantly, often in collaboration with Bradman.

DR ALFRED HERRHAUSEN

West German banker of bankers

Dr Alfred Herrhausen, chief executive of the Deutsche Bank, was killed in a bomb attack near Frankfurt yesterday aged 59, only 18 months after taking up what had promised to be a notable seven years as head of West Germany's largest bank.

Deutsche Bank is always at pains to emphasize that men in the top post, or "spokesmen", are only the first among equals. But Herrhausen's willingness to take on and speak forcefully about what he saw as his responsibilities as a leading banker, his eloquence and erudition, his razor-sharp analytical mind, and his reputation as a man with a wide range of top-level friendships, including Chancellor Kohl, left no room for doubting his authority.

He never shirked the question of whether German banks, with their extensive industrial holdings, were too powerful. The issue, in his view, was not whether banks had power, but what they did with it. "My ambition", he once said, "is that we should use our power responsibly". He did not shrink from controversy: his views on how to ease the Third World debt problem were far from pleasing to many of his colleagues.

The changes in Eastern Europe he welcomed and he sought practical ways to support them. German reunification, he said only the other day, was "inevitable, desirable, and closer than many people thought".

Herrhausen's task as *primus inter pares* was strengthened rather than hampered by the fact that he did not start out as a Deutsche Bank man. He was born in Essen on January 30, 1930; his early career was spent in industry, first with Ruhrgas AG which he joined in his home town in 1952 and then, after receiving his doctorate at Cologne University in 1955, with the Dortmund-based VEW electric utility, where he became finance director at the age of 37.

For a while he toyed with the idea of going into business for himself. But in 1970 he was persuaded to join Deutsche Bank as a deputy board member by Wilhelm Christians alongside whom, 15 years later after a succession of senior positions, Herrhausen became joint managing board chairman or "co-spokesman". In May 1988, when Christians retired, Herrhausen's fellow board members elected him their sole "spokesman".

As a banker Herrhausen had ambitious plans and, unlike many of his colleagues, he believed in talking plainly about them. Under his leadership, Deutsche Bank embarked upon a breath-taking programme of international expansion, culminating this week in an agreed bid for *Morgan Grenfell, the* UK merchant bank.

At home Herrhausen took his bank into management consultancy, property agency, and life assurance as part of a concerted move into a wide range of finance-related services or *Allfinanz*.

Never one to shirk controversy, in public he often appeared aloof, even arrogant. He confessed he could often do with more time for a private life. A keen sportsman, he was once a member of West Germany's hockey team. A widow and two daughters survive him.

WARREN TUTE

The novelist, sailor, playwright, literary agent and translator, Warren Tute, died in France on November 26. He was 75.

His name was perhaps best known as a novelist, author of *The Rock*, even though his fiction never achieved quite the first rank either as art or commerce.

Tute was born in 1914, and educated at the Dragon School, Oxford, and at Wrekin College, Shropshire. He held a commission in the Royal Navy until 1946 and was present at the Normandy landings.

After the war he went into the film-business and was director of Random Film Productions, 1947-52. He produced two propaganda films, for the American government, on Greece. He was back in films briefly as head of London Weekend Television's Script Unit in 1968.

In the 1960s Tute had become a quite well known literary agent. One of his clients was the novelist and poet B. S. Johnson, then regarded as extremely avant garde — not words that could have been applied to Tute himself. But the fact that he helped promote Johnson's earlier work indicated that he was less conservative than he might have made out.

Tute wrote plays for both the stage and television as well as making successful translations of those by others. *Frost At Midnight*, first seen at the Oxford Playhouse in 1957, was a version of the play by André Obey and *Quartet For Five* was from one by Marc Camoletti.

He published over twenty novels as well as a number of non-fiction works which generally took events from the War as their starting point. Tute seized on good ideas: in *Escape Route Green* he took a Cockney POW on a return trip from the place he was captured in France through to the Polish port from which he escaped to neutral Sweden.

As a novelist Warren Tute *was usually at his best when* dealing with naval themes and his novel *The Rock* (1957), which was about wartime life in Gibraltar, excelled in its scenes of battle. Tute was expert on many areas of naval history, and shared his knowledge generously with young historians.

The old sea-dog, square-jawed and rubicund-faced, was a familiar figure at the Garrick Club, convivial and benignly playing the old gentleman a little before his time, before he decided to make his home in France.

He was married twice, firstly to the former Annette Elizabeth Neil, and then to the former Evelyn Mary Dalley. He had two daughters.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS & PERSONAL

Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that continue until night, till wine inflame them!
Isaiah 5 : 11

BIRTHS

ARBUTHNOT - On November 28th 1989 to Diane and David a daughter (Rosanna Mary) a sister for Phoebe.

BALFOUR - On November 16th, to Claire (née Errington) and Alan, a daughter, Lorna and a son, James, a brother and sister for Camilla, and, Catherine stillborn.

BAYLEY - On November 29th at St Thomas's Hospital to Emma (née Morgan) and Christopher, a son, Julian Frederic.

BEAUMONT - On November 28th, 1989, to Diana and Mark Henry, a son.

BERTAUT - On November 13th 1989, to Jane (née Rhead) and John, a daughter, Victoria Louise.

CALLINAN - On 30th November 1989, to Paul & Mary (née Collins), a son.

CHARLES - On November 29th 1989 to Clive and Gillian (née Brett) a son, Peter John Bolton, a brother to Christopher.

CRISP - On Wednesday November 29th to Sarah (née Fawson) and David, a son Gareth David James, a brother for Christopher.

DAVIES - On November 27th, to Karen (née Holdright) and Nick, a son, Russell Carl Patrick, a brother for Lauren.

DEVLIN - On November 29th, to Louise and Roger, a daughter, Sophie Victoria Temlett.

DOUGLAS - On November 27th, at St. Thomas' Hospital, to Mary (née Lilley) and David, a daughter, Catherine Elizabeth (Kate).

ENTWISLE - On November 27th 1989, at Harrogate General Hospital to Bruce and Helen, a son, Alexander.

HESELDEN - On November 14th, to Alice (Dupont) and Laurie, a first born daughter, Emilia Lauren.

STEPHANY - On Nov 21st to Jane and Robert, a daughter, Olivia Violet, a sister for Paul, Alex and Emma.

THOMPSON - On November 30th, to Sir Peter and Lady Thompson, a girl, Harriet Claire, safely delivered, sister to Emma. Mother doing well. Father ecstatic.

TUCKER - On November 22nd, to Julia (née Doak) and Anthony, twins, Benjamin James and Charlotte Louise. Now home at The Boathouse, Salcombe.

ANNIVERSARIES

METCALFE-SPECK Another year, but not without it's hurdles!! Let's hope for a smoother ride in future.

METCALFE - SPECK December 1st '87. And they said it wouldn't last! To David, lots of love, Barbara.

DEATHS

ALLEN On November 29th, peacefully, Sir George Allen CBE aged 87 Private funeral service at St John's Wood Parish Church (by Lords Cricket Ground) on Thursday December 7th at 2.30pm to be followed by private cremation. Service of thanksgiving to be announced later.

BROOKING - On November 26th, 1989, Joan Nora, aged 90, peacefully at the Mansion House Nursing Home, Althorne, late of St. Helens, Bridgemarsh Lane, Althorne, Essex. No flowers please. Relatives, friends and neighbours welcome at the service to be held at St. Andrews Church, Althorne, Wednesday December 6th at 2 pm.

DOWNIE - On November 29th, in Norwich, Patricia Ann (Paddy). Funeral service at St Georges, Tombland, Norwich, on Tuesday December 5th at 12.30 pm, followed by private cremation. No flowers please, donations, to St Georges Tombland Restoration Fund, may be sent c/o Peter Taylor Funeral Services, 86 Unthank Rd, Norwich Tel: 0603 760787

FORD - On November 26th 1989, Commander Ernest D. Ford R.I.N retired. Affectionately known as 'Chev' passed peacefully away at Llandough Hospital.

FRANCKE - On November 29th peacefully at Silverlands, Myrtle Winifred (née Yousatt), for 60 years much loved wife of the late Leonard Frederick now reunited. Devoted and much loved mother to 'Frankie' Boon and son-in-law John, her grandchildren Nicholas and Sara and their families. Funeral service on Wednesday December 6th at 2.45pm (West Chapel), Breakspear Crematorium, Ruislip. Family flowers only, donations if desired to: Silverlands, Wellington Road, Hatch End.

GALLOP - On November 29th, at home, after a short illness, Thora, aged 80. Wife of the late Clive Gallop. Beloved mother of Jeremy, Susan Rickards, Vicky Remnant and step-mother of June Morrish. Greatly loved by her grandchildren and all her many friends. Funeral at St. Mary's Church, Leatherhead on Thursday December 7th at 2 pm. Family flowers only. Donations, if desired, to: Tibet Foundation, 43 New Oxford St. WC1.

GUTHRIE - On November 29th, peacefully in Epsom Hospital, William Moir (Willie). Much loved husband of Mary, dear father of Barbara and Peter. Service of Thanksgiving at St. Andrew's Church, Oxshott on Tuesday December 5th at 12 noon. Family flowers only please, but donations if desired may be sent to Nightingale Ward Fund, Epsom District Hospital, Dorking Road, Epsom.

KIRCHHEIMER - On November 29th, Klaus, husband, father, Opa. Sadly missed by Gwen, Margaret, Judith, David, Michael, Robert, Ian, Paul, Sarah, James, Rachel, family and friends. Funeral at Edgwarebury Lane, Edgware on December 1st at 1 pm. No flowers please.

KNIGHT-REVEL - On November 29th 1989, peacefully after a short illness, Henry John aged 82. Much loved by all his family. Private cremation. Family flowers only, but donations if desired to British Heart Foundation, 102, Gloucester Place, London, W1.

NAIRNE - On November 21st, at home after a long illness, Charles John Campbell. Beloved Husband, Father and Grandfather.

PULLEN - On November 29th, Roland Pullen, 76, Australian journalist. After a short illness in hospital in his beloved Paris. A funeral service will be held at St Georges Church, 7 Rue Auguste Vacquerie, 16th District, Paris at 11.00am on Wednesday, December 6th before a private cremation and the return of the ashes to Australia.

ROBINSON - Wednesday November 22nd 1989, Helen Louise Suddenly, at her home in Kegworth and following a riding accident some weeks earlier. Helen Louise, aged 24, most loving and dearly beloved daughter of Peter and Jane Robinson of Chapel-en-le-Frith, and beloved and cherished sister of Edmund and Honna, Penny and Nick, and Nick and Heather. The funeral service will take place at the Parish Church of St Thomas Becket, Chapel-en-le-Frith, on Friday December 1st, at 1.15pm, to be followed by cremation at Macclesfield

SMITH - On November 28th, H Malcolm peacefully in Hospital. Requiem mass at 10 am on December 6th at St Etheldreda's, Ely Place, followed by private cremation.

SUPPLE - On November 29th following a road accident, Elizabeth Mary (Betty) on her 80th birthday, of Exmouth. Much loved aunt of Michael and Guy. Funeral service at Holy Trinity Church, Exmouth on Friday December 8th at 2.30pm, followed by cremation. Flowers to J.W. Palmer Funeral Directors Budleigh Salterton.

WIGGS - On November 25th 1989, suddenly at home, Len. Dearly beloved husband of Violet and much loved father of Jackie and John. Loving grandfather of Kelly, Matthew, Tara and Martin. Service on Wednesday 6th December at Randall's Park Crematorium, Leatherhead at 2.00pm.

WILLEY - On November 28th peacefully at home Eleanor (née Snowdon), widow of Rt. Hon F T Willey MP. Cremation at 12 noon on Saturday December 9th at West Chapel, Golders Green Crematorium, London. Enquiries to: Leverton and Son Ltd (01-387 6075).

WINTER - On November 28th, suddenly at home. Kenneth George, dearly loved husband of Helen and father of David and Stephen. Funeral at Weymouth Crematorium, Quibo Lane, on Tuesday December 5th at 11.30 am. Family flowers only.

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WARR - George Michael. Service in Frant Church at 11.30 am on Friday December 8th after private Cremation. Family flowers only but donations gratefully accepted by the Alzheimer's Disease Society: 158 Balham High Road, SW12 9BN.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DUNCANSON - On December 16th a Thanksgiving Service for the life of Captain E.R.T. (Robin) Duncanson M.C. will be held at St Mary's Church, Kirkby on Bain, nr. Woodhall Spa, Lincolnshire, at 12 noon.

SIDAWAY - Ronald (Bill) O.B.E. A Thanksgiving Service for the life of the late Bill Sidaway O.B.E., past Chairman of Ductile Steels, Willenhall, will be held at the Church of St Michael and All Angels, Lower Green, Tettenhall, Wolverhampton, on Friday December 8th at 12 noon.

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WACHMAN - Edward. Sorely missed with all our love, Andi and David, Charles, Andrew, Michael and all your other friends.

WILLOUGHBY - A Memorial Service for the life of Geoffrey David Mortimer Willoughby will be held at the Church of St Lawrence Jewry, Next Guild Hall, London EC2 on Wednesday December 13th at 11.30 am. Those wishing to attend please telephone Miss Fiona Brown on 01 489 8000.

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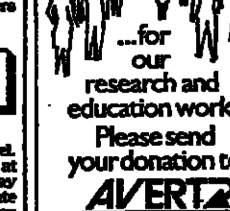
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COPYRIGHT, DESIGNS AND PATENTS ACT 1988
COPYRIGHT TRIBUNAL
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 5 of The Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989, of a reference under Section 119 of the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 by the National Association of Holiday Centres Limited of 10, Bolton Street, Piccadilly, London W1Y 8AU (hereinafter called "the applicant").

A copy of the Notice of Reference together with a copy of the applicant's Statement of Case was served on the Performing Rights Society Limited, of 29-33, Berners Street, London W1P 4AA (herein referred to as "the Licensing Body") on 16th November 1989

The applicant submits that the proposals contained in the Licensing Body's 1989 Tariff for Holiday Camps (Tariff HC) for licensing performances of copyright music within its repertoire are unreasonable for holiday centres both as to the basis of the assessment and as to the amounts that would thereby be payable. In bringing this reference to the Tribunal the applicant contends that there is no or no sufficient justification for departing from the basic principle of a per capita fee and that a fair and reasonable royalty is within the range of £1.09 to £1.36 per 100 (or part thereof) guests attending each holiday centre per night per annum, adjusted annually for inflation from 6 January 1990 or such other sum as the Tribunal shall determine to be just in the circumstances.

ANY ORGANISATION OR PERSON wishing to object to the applicant's credentials or wishing to be made a party to the proceedings should apply to the undersigned in the manner prescribed by The Copyright Tribunal Rules 1989 not later than 29 December 1989.

J E OWENS
SECRETARY
COPYRIGHT TRIBUNAL
ROOM 1609, STATE HOUSE
66-71 HIGH HOLBORN
LONDON WC1R 4TP

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
LONDON UNDERGROUND (VICTORIA)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Underground Limited ("the Company") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary.

To empower the Company to construct works and acquire or use lands at their Victoria underground station in the City of Westminster, and for connected purposes, as follows:-

1. Construction of a passenger subway (Work No.1) between the eastbound platform of the District and Circle Line and an intermediate passenger concourse serving that Line and the Victoria Line; provision of new passageways (Beneath Victoria Street and the Victoria Palace theatre) to connect the northbound and southbound platforms of the Victoria Line; and special provisions in connection with the construction of the works.

2. Acquisition by the Company of lands, or subsoil or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the area aforesaid, including provision for acquisition of only the subsoil or new rights in certain cases; temporary possession at Bressenden Place of land and buildings by the Company to enable them to construct the new passageways beneath the Victoria Palace theatre; extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

3. Power for the Company to open up the surface of Victoria Street and to stop up temporarily part of that street in connection with the construction of the works.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that a plan, section and book of reference relating to the purposes of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive of the Westminster City Council at City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated 1st December 1989

I.E. KING, London Underground Limited, 55 Broadway, Westminster, London SW1H 0BD. Solicitor.
SHERWOOD & CO., Queen Anne's Chambers, 3 Dean Farrar Street, Westminster, London SW1H 9LG. Parliamentary Agents.

LEGAL NOTICES

NO. 007367 OF 1989
IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
IN THE MATTER OF FERGABROOK GROUP PLC
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on the 20th November 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the reduction of the Capital of the above-named Company from £15,000,000 to £7,500,000.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr Justice Harman, at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL on Monday the 11th day of December 1989.

Any Creditor or Shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said reduction of Capital should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose. A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned Solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 28th day of November 1989
Gold Mann & Co
80 Fleet Street
London EC4Y 1EL
Solicitors for the above named Company

Notice to creditors to send in particulars of debts or claims
ITAPOL LIMITED
Company number: 707066
(In Voluntary Liquidation)

NOTICE is hereby given that the Creditors of the above named Company are required on or before the 5th day of January 1990 to send in their names and addresses, with particulars of their Debts or Claims, and the names and addresses of their Solicitors (if any), to the undersigned Brian Reginald Callaghan of Chantrey Wellacott, Russell Square House, 10-12 Russell Square, London WC1B 5LF the Liquidator of the said Company, and if so required by notice in writing by the said Liquidator, are by their Solicitors or personally to come in and prove their said Debts or Claims at such time and place as shall be specified in such notice, or in default thereof they will be excluded from the benefit of any distribution made before such debts are proved.

This notice is purely formal and all known Creditors have been, or will be, paid in full.

Dated 21st November 1989
BRA Callaghan - Liquidator

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
CHANCERY DIVISION
CH NO. 007092 OF 1989
IN THE MATTER OF THE LAIRD GROUP PUBLIC LIMITED COMPANY
AND IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ACT 1985

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Petition was on 10th day of November 1989 presented to Her Majesty's High Court of Justice for the confirmation of the cancellation of the amount standing to the credit of the Share Premium Account of the above Company as at 10th November 1989.

AND NOTICE is further given that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Honourable Mr. Justice Harman at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2, on Monday the 11th day of December 1989.

ANY CREDITOR or shareholder of the said Company desiring to oppose the making of an Order for the confirmation of the said cancellation of the Share Premium Account should appear at the time of hearing in person or by Counsel for that purpose.

A copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any such person requiring the same by the undermentioned solicitors on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

Dated this 29th day of November 1989
Ashurst Morris Crisp,
Broadgate House,
7, Eldon Street,
London, EC2M 7HD.
Ref: M2S/0487K
Solicitors for the Company

J2T VIDEO (NEWHAVEN) LIMITED (IN MEMBERS' VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION)
COMPANY NUMBER: 542676
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF J2T VIDEO (NEWHAVEN) LIMITED

on 24 November 1989 the company was placed in members' voluntary liquidation and Colin Graham Bird of Price Waterhouse, No. 1 London Bridge, London SE1 9QL was appointed liquidator by the shareholders.

The liquidator gives notice pursuant to Rule 4.182A of the Insolvency Rules 1986 that the creditors of the company must send details, in writing, of any claim against the company to the liquidator, at the above address by 22 December 1989 which is the last day for proving claims. The liquidator also gives notice that he will then make a final distribution to creditors and that a creditor who does not make a claim by the date mentioned will not be included in the distribution.

The company is able to pay all its known creditors in full.

Date 28 November 1989
Colin Graham Bird
Liquidator

PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
LONDON REGIONAL TRANSPORT (PENALTY FARES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the Present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title to provide for the charging, as from a day appointed for the purpose, of a penalty fare in substitution for the proper fare for persons using bus and train services under the control of the Corporation without a valid ticket for such use. The Bill further provides that the level of penalty fare to be paid will be -

(i) in respect of any bus journey, £5;
(ii) in respect of any train journey solely on the Docklands Railway, £5; or
(iii) in respect of any other train journey, £10; such penalty fare to be payable either on demand or within 21 days from the day after the day on which the journey was completed, and contains further measures relating to those penalties.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated 1st December 1989

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Westminster,
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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
LONDON UNDERGROUND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction by London Underground Limited ("the Company") of works in the City of Westminster and in the London Boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Newham to provide for the extension of their Jubilee Line railway from Green Park to Stratford.

2. The railway works comprise Works Nos. 1A and 1B (666 and 520 metres in length) and Works Nos. 2, 3 and 4 (total length 14,700 metres) providing for connections with the Jubilee Line at Green Park station and for a new railway to Stratford, being underground from Green Park, Westminster, to Canning Town, Newham, then following the existing North London Line to Stratford, Newham, together with Work No. 5 (735 metres in length) providing for a depot north of Abbey Road, Newham.

3. Further works consist of four pedestrian subways (Works Nos. 6A, 6B, 7 and 8) at Westminster providing access to the Jubilee and the Circle and District Lines;

an improvement and realignment of Duke Street Hill, Southwark (Work No. 9); improvement and raising of Canning Road and of Abbey Road, Newham (Works Nos. 10 and 11); a diversion of the Channelsea River, Newham (Work No 12); four jetties in the River Thames (Works Nos. 13 to 16) at Jubilee Gardens, Durands Wharf, Charrington Wharf and Brunswick Wharf to facilitate the removal of spoil and other materials by barges on the river; and platforms adjacent to the East London Line in the vicinity of Surrey Quays Road in connection with any station to be built as part of Work No. 2.

4. Special provisions in connection with the construction, use and maintenance of the proposed works and as to the use of electrical power on the proposed railways, including the mode of construction of the underground railways.

5. Power for the Company to open up the surface of parts of certain specified streets in Westminster, Southwark, Tower Hamlets and Newham; to stop up parts of certain specified streets in Southwark and Newham, including Duke Street Hill, Southwark, (Work No. 9) and Durban Road, Newham, with provision for an alternative road, and of the public footpath near Stratford station, Newham, which crosses the Channelsea River with a new footpath over that river being substituted therefor; to stop up temporarily or narrow certain specified streets in Westminster, Lambeth, Southwark and Newham; and to fill in part of the Channelsea River (Work No. 12).

6. Provision to enable the Company to use certain areas of the River Thames and land adjacent to the River in Lambeth, Southwark and Tower Hamlets, in conjunction with the proposed jetties (Work Nos. 13 to 16), for the purpose of the construction of the railway works and for transporting, on the River, materials to and from working areas; further provision for the Company to use temporarily the gardens at Parliament Square, Westminster, (area 0.48 hectares or thereabouts), as a working site in connection with the construction of Works Nos. 2, 6A, 6B, 7 and 8, including further provision to stop up certain streets and subways in the vicinity of Parliament Square for the purpose of the new station to be provided at Westminster.

7. Provision for the Company to acquire land, or subsoil or new rights only, in the areas aforesaid, including the acquisition of subsoil or new rights only in certain areas. Further provision for the Company temporarily to use certain land in the areas aforesaid for the purpose of the construction of the works. The land to be acquired or temporarily used includes parts of Jubilee Gardens, Lambeth, (area 2.40 hectares or thereabouts), and Grace Kimmins Gardens, Old Jamaica Road, (area 0.20 hectares or thereabouts), Southwark Park, Lower Road (area 0.14 hectares or thereabouts), Russia Dock Woodlands, Downtown Road (area 0.11 hectares or thereabouts) and Rotherhithe Street Park, Durands Wharf (area 1.07 hectares or thereabouts), all in Southwark.

8. Provision for the Corporation to establish bus stations in the vicinity of Canada Water, Surrey Quays Road, Southwark, and in the vicinity of Canning Town Station and between Silvertown Way and Victoria Dock Road, Newham, including power to acquire land in those areas for those bus stations.

9. Special provision in connection with the acquisition of land, subsoil or new rights or the use of land, including extinction of private rights of way over any land to be acquired or used, and further provisions as to entry and compensation.

10. Provision to disapply certain statutory provisions relating to listed buildings, historic buildings or ancient monuments and to disapply sections 54 and 56 of the Transport Act 1962 in respect of the discontinuance of railway passenger services on the Jubilee Line between Green Park and Charing Cross Stations.

11. Provisions of a general nature applicable to, or in consequence of, the intended Act, including incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that Plans, Sections and a Book of Reference relating to the purposes of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection with the -

Chief Executive of the Westminster City Council in the City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP;
Chief Executive of the Lambeth London Borough Council in the Town Hall, Brixton Hill, London SW2 1RW;
Chief Executive of the Southwark London Borough Council in the Town Hall, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB;
Chief Executive of the Tower Hamlets London Borough Council in the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN; and
Chief Executive of the Newham London Borough Council in the Town Hall, Barking Road, London E6 2RP.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 70p each at the undermentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

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IN PARLIAMENT
SESSION 1989-90
LONDON UNDERGROUND (SAFETY MEASURES)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Underground Limited ("the Company") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

To empower the Company, for safety purposes and the relief of passenger congestion, to construct works and acquire or use lands at their stations at London Bridge, Holborn and Tottenham Court Road in the London boroughs of Southwark and Camden and the City of Westminster, and for connected purposes, as follows:-

1. Construction of:

Works at London Bridge:

Work No. 1

A railway (507 metres in length) being a deviation of the existing southbound railway of the Northern line;

Work No. 2-

A new ticket hall and subway (135 metres in length) including an escalator subway;

Works Nos. 3, 4, 5 and 6

Subways:

Work No. 7

A sewer (154 metres in length) being a diversion of part of the Battlebridge sewer;

Works at Holborn:

Work No. 1

A new ticket hall and subway (202 metres in length) including escalator subways;

Works Nos. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7

Subways:

Works at Tottenham Court Road:

Work No. 1

A new ticket hall and subway (178 metres in length) including an escalator subway;

Works Nos. 2, 3, 4 and 5

Subways:

Works No. 6

A reconstruction of the north west subway including a widening of the existing staircase forming the access thereto.

2. Acquisition by the Company of lands, or subsoil or new rights only, and power to use lands, in the area aforesaid, including provision for acquisition of only the subsoil or new rights in certain cases; temporary possession at London Bridge and Holborn of land by the Company to enable them to construct the works in those areas; extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

3. Power for the Company to open up the surface and to stop up temporarily parts of certain streets described in the Bill in connection with the construction of the Works.

4. Power for the Company to stop up and discontinue part of Falconberg Court in the City of Westminster and to narrow, stop up and discontinue part of the junction of Borough High Street and Southwark Street in the London Borough of Southwark; to provide for the making of an access from a public subway to the proposed new ticket hall at Holborn.

5. Power for the Company to dismantle pipe subways beneath Southampton Row, High Holborn, Kingsway and Charing Cross Road in the London borough of Camden for the purposes of the Works at Holborn and Tottenham Court Road.

6. Power for the Company to interfere with, use and acquire part of the disused Kingsway tram subway and the approach thereto for the purpose of constructing the Works at Holborn.

7. Provision for certain statutory provisions relating to listed buildings, conservation areas, historic buildings and ancient monuments not to apply to the provisions of the Bill authorising the carrying out of the works and for the enactment of provisions incidental to or consequential upon the above mentioned purposes.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans, sections and books of reference relating to the purpose of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection with the Managing Director of the Westminster City Council at City Hall, Victoria Street, London SW1E 6QP, the Chief Executive of the London borough of Camden, Town Hall, Euston Road, London NW1 2RU and the Chief Executive of the London borough of Southwark, Peckham Road, London SE5 8UB.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 70p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated 1st December 1989

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THE NEW POINTS SYSTEM

Tinned meats, fish, and beans will be available in the shops again to-day, when rationing of these foods will be introduced. It is a new form of rationing for food, and because the scheme was postponed for two weeks, the ration for the first fortnight will be eight points a head, which will secure, for instance, 2lb. of beans or ½lb. of tongue, pork, or salmon. Thereafter there will be 16 points a head for every four weeks.

No doubt there will be something of a rush on the shops to-day, especially for some of the new dishes sent here from the United States under the Lend-Lease Act; but the Ministry of Food points out that nothing is to be gained by a rush, which will only add to the difficulties of retailers. Purchases may be made at any time within the next two weeks and 80,000,000lb. of these foods have been distributed among 250,000 food shops. There is no guarantee that people will get the particular food they ask for, and if there is a heavy run on any one food its points value will be raised. On the other hand, the points value of lines selling slowly may be lowered.

MILK POWDER AVAILABLE

Also on sale from to-day will be 12,000,000 tins of national household milk powder. These are obtainable at grocers and there should be about one tin to each family.

Another item available from to-day is block suet at the rate of 2oz. a head. This is obtainable at the shop where the consumer is registered for cooking fats. It is a special pre-Christmas distribution and must be collected during this week. The maximum retail price is 9d. a lb. The butter, margarine, and cooking fats rations for the week beginning December 22 may be bought during the week beginning December 15. No special arrangements are needed for tea, sugar, and cheese since the ration of these foods for any week in the four-weekly period December 15 to January 11 may be bought at any time during that period.

ONE DAY'S HOLIDAY AT CHRISTMAS

The Ministry of Labour and National Service has issued the following announcement concerning Christmas and New Year holidays:-

In view of the urgent need for maintaining maximum war production in order to sustain the efforts of our forces in the Middle East and our Russian allies, the Government call on all managements and workers engaged on war work to continue production during the coming Christmas and New Year season with not more than one day's break, either Christmas Day or New Year's Day.

In the case of other establishmetns and services, and in particular retail shops, it is not desired that there should be any departure from the arrangements which are customary at this time of year except to the extent that may be necessary for meeting the requirements of those continuing at work.

The rates of payment and other conditions for work done during what would ordinarily be a holiday period are in general prescribed by industrial agreements, and these should be observed.

As announced by the Treasury, the Bank Holidays on Christmas Day in Scotland and Boxing Day in England and Wales and Northern Ireland will be cancelled, but not so as to affect the provisions of industrial agreements relating to those days.

● SOME REVIEWS MAY BE REPRINTED FROM YESTERDAY'S LATER EDITIONS

THE ARTS

Food for unhealthy appetites

TELEVISION
Jasper Rees

Nineteen-year-old Julian Knight, whose blood-spattered story was told in *Hoddle Street* (Channel 4), is a fine advertisement for the combat training of the Australian army. But he made civvy street his battlefield, shouldering arms after he had been ejected from officer training school for stabbing a fellow soldier. One night in August 1987 he loaded three guns, stepped out of his front door and started taking potshots at the passing traffic. With military efficiency, he killed seven and wounded 11.

Knight's tale differs from those which soon followed in Hungerford and Sydney, because he did not add himself to the list of the slaughtered. Having mislaid the bullet he had reserved for his own termination, he was arrested, which gave the Australian "forensic psychiatrists" a rare opportunity to find out what makes a mass-murderer tick.

What with the bereaved and the injured victims offering their testimony too, this did not make for uplifting viewing. But what turned *Hoddle Street* into an above-average addition to this unsavourily instructive sub-genre was the footage itself. There was none of the killing (though a news team turned up soon after the shooting began), but a lot of the killer.

Corkscrewed into the corner of his cell, Knight talked impassively to the police about his long cherished desire to tour the world's troublespots, where killing is the done thing. And on the morning after the night before, he was escorted back to the scene of the crime, where he met each "Why did you shoot?" with "To finish him off". If that is what many people would advocate for Knight himself, "forensic psychiatrists" would not agree. "Knight can be more use to society alive than dead," said one.

***Hoddle Street* was less trial-by-television than television-on-trial, and not just because its subject liked what he saw of Beirut and Soweto in news bulletins. Though Knight yearned to be on the other side of his sitting-room screen, it is a moot point whether he should have been on ours.**

***Bed, Chair, Table, Lamp* (BBC 2) probably looked good on the drawingboard, but its opening night on the television showed up a fault in the design. Coming at the tail-end of the style decade, a programme which looks for meaning in household objects is very much the thick end of the wedge. The first word of last night's semi-illogical sizing-up of the chair was an unpromising "Basically". This might wittily have had something to do with the bases we sit on but, as is the way with much post-modernist jargon, turned out to have nothing to do with anything at all.**

TOMORROW

Happy birthday: John Percival on Sir Kenneth MacMillan, ballet choreographer now turning 60

John Russell Taylor on non-European art and the conceptualist Michael Craig-Martin

Right stuff, wrong label

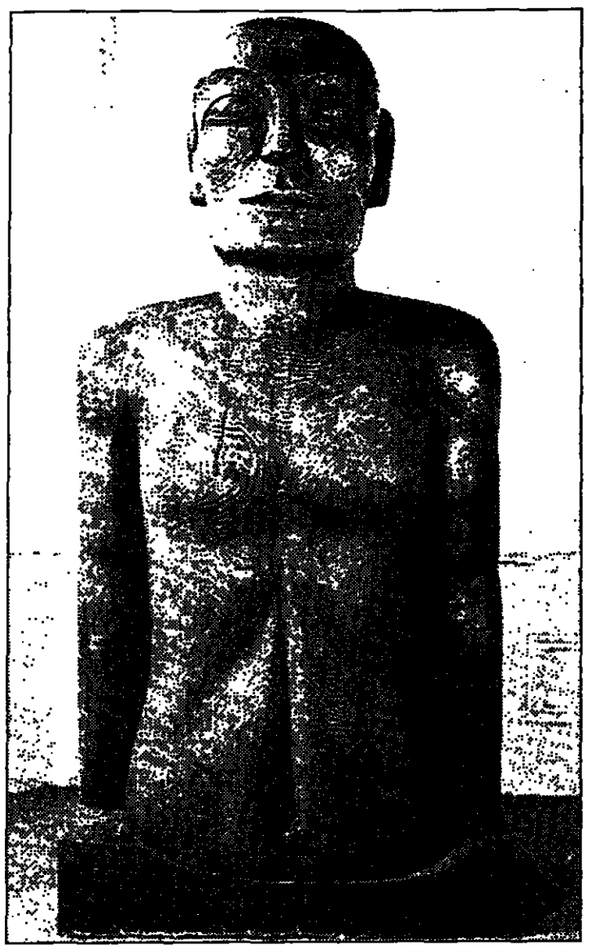
First of all, let us dispose of the title. **The Other Story** is an unfortunate label to apply to art made by non-Europeans in Britain since 1950. For one thing it implies that there is one specific alternative to the story of art in Britain as it has been traditionally handed down. Second, it implies that these 24 artists, from places as disparate as Guyana and Japan, somehow represent something other than their own individual selves. And third, it carries inevitably, from all the current talk of "alternative" traditions, a slightly paranoid overtone, as though this particular story has been suppressed by some sort of unspoken conspiracy.

All of these implications are roundly contradicted by the show itself, as displayed until February 4 on the walls and floors of the Hayward Gallery – and then in Wolverhampton and Manchester. There is a perceptible strangeness – otherness, if you like – about most of the work assembled. But it is not one single sort of otherness.

There is a bit in one of the explanatory captions about how Anwar Jalal Shemza, a painter who comes from Simla, was outraged to discover that Gombrich's *The Story of Art* dismissed Islamic art in a couple of pages, and promptly determined to find his own cultural metaphors and prove Gombrich wrong. Fine. Shemza's art makes clear reference to Islamic motifs, and is crisp, spare and rather Fifties. This constitutes his otherness in a strictly British art context: that he has managed interestingly to fuse two distinct artistic traditions. This is undoubtedly enlivening, though that it is so has more to do with his talent than with the fact that it comes from a deliberate politico-cultural gesture.

And when we find similar cross-fertilizations in the work of other artists included, the same is true. This ambiguity looks like the true theme of the show, and it is a strong one. It affects all the artists in different ways. Some of them, like the Indians, the Orientals and the Islamic, come from countries which have their own established artistic traditions which are weighty, independent and able to match the Western arts on equal terms. But how about, say, Frank Bowling, from Guyana, or Gavin Jantjes, from Cape Town?

Before we go on to evaluate the art and the artists individually, without support from any postulated alternative tradition, we have also to look at the possibility that they represent something, coherent or diverse, which is being deliberately suppressed and disregarded in our allegedly multi-racial culture. It has to be said that there is no recognizable sign here of unsung geniuses kept under for political reasons. Some of the artists are relatively little-known. But then, so are the vast majority of WASP artists in Britain. Some, such as F.N. Souza, have had their moment in the sun, which had little to do with any ethnic singularity, and have now faded from view, simply because fashion changed and they did not change with it.



Monumental: "John the Baptist" by Jamaican sculptor Ronald Moody

And some are well known, regardless: Jantjes, for instance, who has a unique skill in finding strong visual expressions for his political convictions. One of his several untitled canvases seems to sum up perfectly what this show ought to be about, and to some extent is. On the right is an outline figure from Picasso's "Les Demoiselles d'Avignon", the *locus classicus* for the influence of tribal and primitive art on the modern movement. On the left is a representation of a ritual mask such as Picasso used for inspiration. And a respiration tube goes from the mask's mouth, encircles the Picasso figure, and returns to the mask's nostril. A metaphor, surely, for cross-fertilization and interpenetration, though Jantjes leaves the interpretation up to us.

The sculptures of Donald Locke (also from Guyana) make a powerful statement whether they have more to do with politics or with the artist's own apparent phallic obsessions. Lubiana Himid (from Zanzibar) makes strong, simple, brightly coloured drawings, collages and painted wood cut-outs, with the directness of good cartoons and something more. Sonia Boyce (from London, though presumably of immigrant parents) has an easy illustrative skill in putting over her messages.

Some of the artists who were over here earlier look like real discoveries. The sculptor Ronald Moody (from Jamaica) makes monumental figures which partake of many traditions without belonging squarely to any. And there are several painters downstairs, such as Avinash Chandra, Aubrey Williams and Ahmed Parvez, whose abstractions from the Fifties and early Sixties are looking pretty good now.

So is that a case of talent wilfully suppressed? Nothing so simple and satisfying. It is merely that the period has been looking frumpy, and now it is beginning to improve with age.

Will the art of Michael Craig-Martin, currently being treated to a major retrospective at the Whitechapel Art Gallery (until January 7), improve with age? It is an issue, because most of its belongs so resolutely, almost defiantly, to its period: which is, as the first glance will tell any visitor, the Seventies and early Eighties.

It is also a question, because one does not know, as with many minimal installations, whether it is meant to survive and age at all. Or whether it matters, in his most widely familiar works, the child's colouring-book drawings executed in stark outlines of sticky tape on bold white walls, that once the blueprint exists it can be reproduced by anyone.

Well, never mind. I suspect that because of its impressive venue, the show has been treated too solemnly by too many people. It is a clean, funny, elegant exposition, impressive apart from anything else for the beautiful finish of the work. So many supposedly hi-tech installations are messy and fumbled. Here Craig-Martin not only knows precisely what he is doing and what effect he wants to create, he knows how to get it and goes professionally to the point.

Also, a lot of his ideas are inherently funny, such as "On the Shelf", a smooth line of leaning milk bottles filled to create a suspiciously consistent waterline; they play with our perceptions and make us realize how little that we think we see is actually there.

He should be an academic's delight, lending himself to all sorts of conceptual and deconstructive analysis. But perhaps the pleasures of the eye – which are many – are felt somehow to invalidate the pleasures of the mind. Craig-Martin is perhaps the first conceptual artist to score an own-goal by letting the art outstrip the concept.

Opportunity missed

CONCERTS
Stephen Pettitt

ECO/Podaril
Barbican Hall

With political events in Eastern Europe as they are, the English Chamber Orchestra could hardly have timed this evening of Czech music better. At the beginning, when part of the audience began singing along with the Czech national anthem, one could be forgiven for anticipating something highly charged with emotion, but alas it was not to be, not even when it came to Dvořák's Eighth Symphony at the end.

Ales Podaril, the young Czech conductor here making his British debut, was unable to spur the ECO to performances that were anything more than acceptable. Often they were dour, sometimes rather shoddy. That was a pity, for much of the music was intriguingly unfamiliar. There was, for instance, the Symphony in D, Op 24, by Jan Václav Voříšek, who died in 1825 aged 34: a substantial work reminiscent of Schubert at his most expansive, but also anticipating the later symphonic music of Mendelssohn and, especially, Schumann with its rich orchestration, its sophisticated structures and its irrepressible freshness.

There were also two more recent pieces. The brief Violin Concerto, commissioned for this concert from the composer Peter Graham (the pen-name of Jaroslav Stastny) takes as the starting point for its first movement the language of Steve Reich, only here events happen swiftly, so that the music assumes the neo-classical flavour and density of, say, Stravinsky's *Dumbarton Oaks*. An economical but lyrical slow movement follows, and then a finale which has a recklessly ebullient folkish flavour. Ivan Ženaty, another British débutant, was a nimble soloist whose technical security and finished sound were not always matched by the pared-down orchestra.

Along with this refreshing and unpretentious little work there was Petr Eben's *Notturno Praghese* (1984), the aim of which is to reflect the "sorrow and longing" in Mozart's personality. It fails, because Eben too often resorts to mundane rhythms and uninspired melodies, and because he is not willing to trim his work to its bare essentials.

Breathless Brahms

Paul Griffiths

Bournemouth SO/ Norrington
Wessex Hall, Poole

Roger Norrington has not yet quite reached Brahms in his period-style restitution of the classics, but this performance of the Second Symphony with the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra was perhaps an indication of what we may expect when he does: fierce accentuation of dynamic contrasts; a bringing-out of inner parts and accompaniment figures, especially when these can be used to sudden dramatic effect (the sound of Brahms's orchestra here was remarkably similar to that of Berlioz's in an account of the *King Lear* overture at the start of the concert); and speeds that, in the third movement, tested not only the orchestra but also the conductor's baton, which cracked under the strain, the top half flying off into the stalls. As with a painting that has been over-restored, the result was not so much revelatory as vulgar.

With the other main work of the programme, Norrington was on more safely authentic ground, since he was giving the first performance. The piece was Patrick Piggott's *Rosanes Lieder*, the subject of a curious BBC commission specifying orchestral settings of poems which the Viennese writer Flora Rosanes had published in 1915 (the year of Piggott's birth). Atmospheric, lonely and marked by the distant war, the five poems chosen by Piggott have the air of Trakl seen through layer upon layer of protective gauze and convention, but there was perhaps the opportunity here for a Mahlerian song cycle.



Roger Norrington: fierce accents

Piggott goes a little way towards that with his symphonic layout and his touches of military music in all the movements, but the style is a good deal more placid, with an echo perhaps of the war music of Bliss. The solo part was sung by Margaret Field with firm and radiant conviction, with intimate understanding, and from memory: a *tour de force*. Tonight the programme is repeated in Exeter.

Dazzling décor with real people beneath

DANCE
Judith Cruickshank

LCDT
Sadler's Wells

It is a tribute to Jonathan Lunn's talent that the choreography of *Goes Without Saying*, his latest ballet for London Contemporary Dance Theatre, is not overwhelmed by Peter Mumford's décor, as striking as any on the Sadler's Wells stage for some time.

Mumford uses the whole stage area, dividing it into two rooms, one above the other. The lower room has two doors, some curiously-shaped windows and is painted in a pattern of clouds and sky. The upper room has a single door and a window, through which light streams to reveal the orchestra and a woman in a formal black dress and high-heeled shoes.

She moves to open the door, and as she does so a second woman appears through the door of the downstairs room. She is joined by the rest of the cast of nine, all wearing brilliant shades of blue, green and crimson.

The woman in the upper room has short passages of dance, which are echoed and amplified by the dancers in the room below. It is as if she were speaking and the dancers below were her thoughts and ideas which eventually coalesce into the single word or sentence.

Based on everyday movement, Lunn's choreography tries to be constantly interesting in outline and in detail. A sweeping body movement is complemented by gently fluttering fingers, or a curving gesture is contrasted with a sharply flexed foot.

Jonathan Lunn has made good use of the attractive score by Orlando Gough and John Lunn (no relation), working with and through the music, with its unusual orchestration.

Kim Brandstrup's *Orfeo* is ravishingly pretty and has excellent performances, especially from Kenneth Tharp as Death and Tracey Fitzgerald and Kate Coyne as Euridice and her attendant. But the action is unclear and the pace unvaried so that finally, in spite of some striking moments, one is left feeling breathless and slightly puzzled.

Nor is Dan Wagoner's To Comfort Ghosts, which closes the programme, exactly easy to follow, but it is beautiful and disturbing, a view of the dark chaos of life, or the afterlife, where the only comfort to be found is a compassionate hand to hold or a gentle embrace.

In spite of my reservations, this programme not only shows the skills of the LCDT dancers, but strips away some of their usual glossy performing style to show the real people beneath.

Father fritters away family and fortune

THEATRE
Irving Wardle

Playing with Trains
The Pit

An upstage pile of household junk – rotting chairs at one end and record players at the other – embodies the family history of Stephen Poliakoff's characters from early poverty to Dad's breakthrough as a money-spinning inventor. But apart from inscribing the exposition on the set, Kit Surrey's specimen of domestic geology forecasts the play's development as the story of a family who are always packing up but never getting anywhere.

It spans the years from the Sixties to the Eighties with the evident purpose of reflecting the changing spirit of the times through the claustrophobic tensions between Bill and his two children, Roxanna and Danny. An autodidact electrician, Bill channels his fortune into a campaign on behalf of other back-room inventors and against the apathy of British officialdom that has let so many good ideas go to waste.

DONALD COOPER



From left: Lesley Sharp, Lesley Dunlop, Michael Pennington, Simon Russell Beale, in Stephen Poliakoff's *Playing with Trains* at the Pit

He includes his children in this hopeful vision, foreseeing their success in engineering and physics, and is much downcast when Roxanna settles for art school and marriage, and Danny for a safe berth in accountancy.

Their paths then diverge, with the siblings pursuing their humdrum lives and increasingly exclude from their remarkable parent, whose ever wilder schemes finally lead to the libel court and near bankruptcy.

The role of Bill offers a succulent temptation to the actor, and into it Michael Pennington compresses 20 years of life, from hugely optimistic beginnings to a reclusive, paranoid end. He charts each crack in the personality with unobtrusively fatal precision, as he crumbles from an enthusiast into a crank. What the play fails to establish is whether this was in his nature from the start, or whether he was a social victim.

The same goes for the rest of the piece, which is stranded irresolutely between state-of-Britain drama and the drama of family relationships. The children, for instance, remain obsessed by their parent, but whether for personal or socially schematic reasons remains unclear. In Ron Daniels's production, they are played brilliantly by Lesley Sharp and Simon Russell Beale (two plump children of a wiry father): Roxanna mercilessly baiting him and milking him for cash, Danny, exasperation curdling his buttery smile, always trying to temporize.

But as they rarely have individual subtexts, the show subsides repeatedly into barren shouting matches in which everyone is behaving badly for no easily-comprehensible reason. When Bill transfers his affections to a loutish protégé, is he pursuing his vision, or punishing his disappointing children? The piece leaves a string of such unanswered questions.

Sharply-worded dispatch from the class war

Jeremy Kingston

Jackets II
Haymarket Studio, Leicester

Edward Bond's new play, a sharp kick up the Eighties, is touring the Midlands as one of this theatre's Outreach projects, but has not reached out further south than Barnet. I hope a way is found to bring this angry and subversive work to London, and to stage it along with *Jackets I*, a companion piece pre-echoing its themes in the setting of medieval Japan. (Rehearsed readings of *Jackets I* are to be given by the cast on December 2 and 6.)

***Jackets II* takes place in an unnamed British city where the civilian population has started looting the shops and troops are brought in to neutralize the threat from terrorists. All accents are English; a mental connection can be made with Ulster's civil war, but the essence of the conflict remains, as it nearly always does with Bond, the battle between classes. These are divided along rigidly economic lines into commercial exploiters (the true enemy) and suffering consumers.**

Bond's young spokesman Phil compresses the argument to the mental level of his childhood friend Brian, now a soldier: "What's wrong, looting from them or working for them? Working for them so they can loot us – that's the crime."

***This is a cry fitted best to rally* lost 19-year-olds, yet Bond's theatrical genius embodies it in two long, strong scenes – between the two boys by a canal, and between their mothers in a mortuary. Directed by Nick Philippou to screw up the suspense, these encounters express the arguments in the flickering thoughts and emotions of suffering humans.**

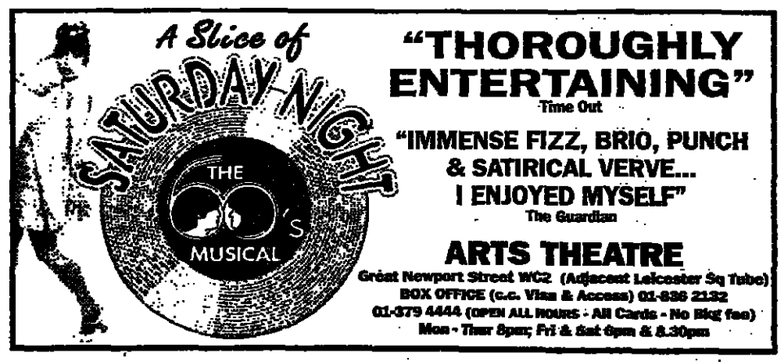
Brian has been selected, unbeknownst to him, as the sacrifice that will make an outraged army's counter-attack acceptable to the country at large. He is killed, though not in the expected way, and Phil's leather jacket is found on his corpse. Then follows the mortuary scene, where the audience knows that Phil's apprehensive mother (Maureen Morris) will find a happy surprise, unlike Brian's mother (Janette Legge), gingerly offering comfort to her friend.

Bond allots more attention to a crazed padre (William Whymper) than the play needs, even if this character's Japanese equivalent explains his crucial presence here. Tom Hudson gives two good, stubborn performances as Brian and his officer, and there is strong, whiplash playing of the terrorist Phil by Ross Dunsmore. His steady-eyed singing of the songs, to the menacing repeated notes of David Sawer's music, conveys the power of a hard, coiled spring.



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Steve Turner talks to David Byrne, who is now finding happiness with a Latin-American band on tour

A composer of pleasure

What do you think you are best at? David Byrne, neat in a blue button-down collar shirt and college athlete's haircut, looks nervously into the distance, as if expecting an answer to be beamed to him by a passing satellite. His head twitches. His eyes swivel.

In fact, this is probably what David Byrne is best at: appearing to be an alien lost on Earth. Most rock and roll musicians pretend to have been born on the wrong side of the tracks. Byrne pretends to have been born on the wrong side of the universe.

Our questions puzzle him and human behaviour, as observed in his songs with Talking Heads, he finds fascinating. He dances as if his body doesn't function well in our atmosphere. He is out of place, and proud of it.

Twelve years after the first Talking Heads album, Byrne's career continues to fascinate. Trained at Rhode Island School of Design, where he developed an interest in conceptual art, he is one of the few stars of rock and roll not bound by the medium.

He has written music scores for film, ballet and theatre as well as having acted and directed for cinema and video. For his contribution to the soundtrack of *The Last Emperor* he received an Academy Award. Consistently he has displayed a knack of staying one step ahead of trends in popular culture.

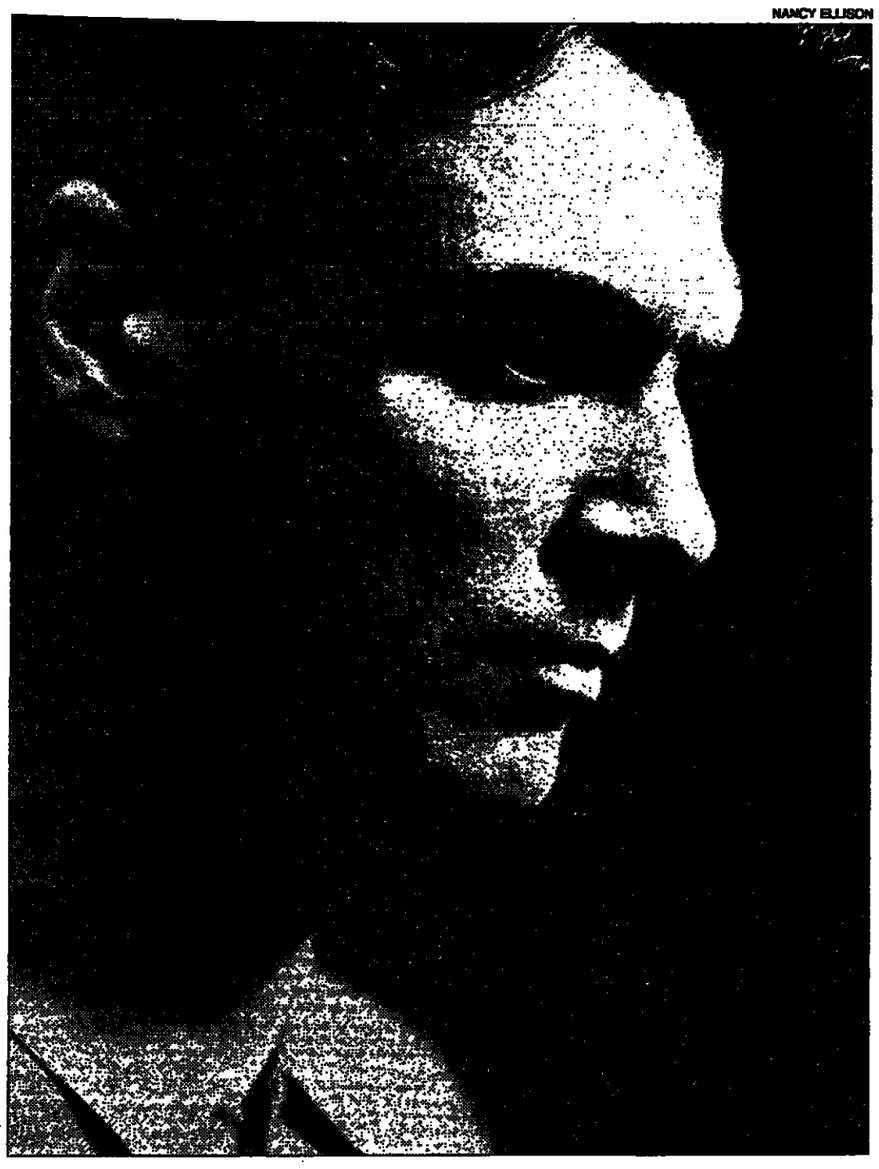
A decade ago his work with Brian Eno on *My Life in the Bush of Ghosts* anticipated the current mania for sampling and mixing. The African influence which began with *Fear of Music* anticipated the gathering interest in world music.

So, with the release of his first solo project, *Rei Momo*, an album suffused with the rhythms of Cuba, Puerto Rico and Brazil, has the alien picked up another trend?

It's no use asking him. His standard answer to questions of "why?" are "because it feels good", or "it gives me pleasure". This, he says, is the reason he has chosen to play smaller venues as David Byrne, with a 15-piece Latin American band and why he hasn't toured with Talking Heads for five years.

"Talking Heads gave me more money, but less pleasure," he explains. "The time comes to do something that feels better." What he doesn't say is that Talking Heads have just signed another five-album contract and that the *Rei Momo* tour, largely underwritten by the same record company, has been made possible only by the promise of more Heads products.

NANCY ELLISON



David Byrne into spirituality and conservation: "to shake your rump is to be environmentally aware"

His interest in Latin music began in the clubs of New York but was heightened last year by a visit to Brazil where he directed an hour-long television documentary on rituals involving music.

He now regards Afro-Latin rhythms as magical. In the sleeve notes to *O Samba*, his second compilation of Brazilian classics, he makes connections between the floating down-beat and sub-atomic particle physics, spirituality, the womb, Mother Earth and conservation. "To shake your rump," he claims at one point, "is to be environmentally aware."

At La Cigale, a 1,200 capacity club in the seedy Pigalle district of Paris, the rumps that were shaking were mostly those of the grinning, white-clad Latino musicians who co-ordinated their movements as they blew their trumpets and beat their drums. The audience, for the most part, looked more curious than environmentally aware.

Byrne, at times, seemed like a white tourist who had climbed on stage at the Rio Intercontinental to sing a selection of his songs with the house band. He regained his authority only on numbers such as "Dirty Old Town", "Make Believe Mambo" and "Independence Day".

He admits that the clash of style between Latin exuberance and his own deadpan delivery interests him, although he professes to displaying more emotion in his new lyrics and to feeling "pretty ecstatic" on stage. "I think I'm less conceptual than I used to be," he says.

Since 1979 Byrne has pursued the connection between music and states of transcendence and between ritual and religion. He has attended voodoo ceremonies and Pentecostal church meetings. The voyage to Brazil to investigate the Candomblé religion was just the latest chapter of the inquiry. But what is he hoping to find?

"I think it's a huge part of where our popular music comes from," he says. "I believe that the reason rock 'n' roll has had the influence and power it has is because it carries a small part of that energy with it. A very small part maybe, but I think it's what makes it different from Perry Como or Frank Sinatra or whatever."

Yet the power of music to change consciousness appears to have more to do with the meaning invested in it by the participants than the rhythmic structure. What causes eyeballs to roll in the Brazilian jungle may only cause shoes to shuffle in Paris.

Byrne agrees. He offers the example of his drummers who the day before had been playing to African deities in their dressing room. "They were sacred rhythms, but no one is about to get possessed in a back room of La Cigale," he says. "But in the right context it could happen."

His musicians on the *Rei Momo* tour are mostly accomplished New York-based session men with the exception of Margareth Menezes, a young vocalist from Brazil. Byrnes's songs have been Latinized by percussionist Milton Cardona and arranged by musical director Angel Fernandez.

The musicians are diplomatic when discussing Byrne's talents. "He has a different voice," explains Menezes through an interpreter. "It's a sound that is really personal." A Brazilian drummer known as Café says: "He's different. I think he does something. I don't say it's new, but it's new-spirited."

So what is David Byrne best at? Is he a musician? Is he a conceptual artist? "I don't think I'm a musician in the sense of a virtuoso player," he says after a long pause. "There are much better guitar players or singers or whatever."

He leaves it at that, hoping the question won't come back. But it does. This time the pause is longer. "I guess it's . . . it's . . . something else." He laughs at his inability to articulate.

"It's sort of composing. Whether it's on film or whether it's with music, I take the same kind of attitude. Yeah. I guess you could say I am a composer."

Extravagant claims lost in hazy mix



808 State: a techaologically sophisticated group with faultless timing

ALBUMS
David Sinclair

808 State: 90 (ZTT 246 461-2)
Whatever else you might say about 808 State, the Mancunian quartet's timing is faultless. The two DJs (Andy and Darren), the programmer (Graham Massey) and the "conceptualizer" (Martin Price), who take their name from a a drum machine, the Roland 808, have risen to prominence not only at the peak of the dance music craze but also at a time when pop pundits are falling over each other to proclaim Manchester the latest "Liverpool of the Eighties" (it was Dublin's turn only a couple of years ago), and are thus disposed to hail any act which comes from that neck of the woods as automatically blessed with a talent of mystical proportions.

As their innocuous hit, "Pacific", indicates, 808 State's music is more technologically sophisticated and less musically banal than many of the house tracks clogging the singles chart. But there is little on this album to justify the more extravagant claims being made on the group's behalf.

The best number, "Cobra Bora" unfolds with a succession of dramatic flourishes, as synthesizers buzz, like demented bluebottles, over a taut, shimmying rhythm track. But most of the other pieces, in capturing that peculiar, trance-like quality so beloved of the acid-house brigade, merely drift past in a largely undifferentiated haze.

In other contexts, notably on the dance floor, that is partly what is supposed to happen. But simply listening to (or even studying closely the title of) "808080808" is about as radical as gazing at a hypnotist's pendulum.

Quincy Jones: Back on the Block (Qwest 926 020-2)
Not a man to do things by halves, Quincy Jones has assembled a vast roster of the most august American musicians known to man, with the avowed intention of retracing on one album the course of his career as musician, composer, producer, arranger, you name it. Since the trail extends over virtually four decades of shifting musical fashions — "from be-bop to hip hop" — and takes in the three most successful Michael Jackson albums, *Off the Wall*, *Thriller*, and *Bad*, one could be forgiven for considering the project to be a touch over-ambitious.

The most extraordinary feature of the collection is the way in which Jones manages to homogenize the contributions of talents as varied as Ice T, Ray Charles, Al Jarreau, Big Daddy Kane, Ella Fitzgerald, Chaka Khan, George Benson, Barry White, Miles Davis, Dizzy Gillespie and others too numerous to mention. He does this by imbuing the productions with an inalienable and sometimes suffocating sense of class, conferring a rich, almost glutinous sheen on every performance, whether it be Melle Mel's rap on the title track, or the African choir on "The Places you Find Love".

It is all very laudable even if you can never be entirely sure that some dreadful piece of high-grade kitsch, such as the children's choir in "Tomorrow (Better you, Better me)", is not lurking just around the corner. He keeps quiet about it now, but Jones was, after all, the man responsible for producing USA For Africa's heart-stopping dirge "We are the World".

Jimi Hendrix: Live & Unreleased — The Radio Show (Castle Communications HBCD 100)
Jimi Hendrix: The Jimi Hendrix Concerts (Media Motion MEDIA CD 1)
Yet more archive Hendrix material surfaces, in the year that has already yielded the *Radio One* album, a film by the *South Bank Show* and Carles Shaar Murray's indispensible book, *Crosstown Traffic — Jimi Hendrix and Post-War Pop* (Faber & Faber £6.99).

Live & Unreleased is a hastily-packaged, three-hour marathon of material distilled from six one-hour programmes broadcast this year on American radio. If you can get past the unctuous commentary, the interviews with the usual contemporaries (Clapton, Townshend, Mitchell, assorted girlfriends) and the rather pointless presentation of so many "alternate" (i.e., inferior) mixes of familiar material, there are several items which the avid Hendrix collector may wish to hear.



Jimi Hendrix: more new material

The oft-mentioned "Cherokee Mist" turns out to be an undefined blast of howling guitar pasted uncomfortably over a distant tom-tom tattoo, and other new titles such as "Valley of Neptune" and "Send my Love to Linda" are in a similarly unrealized state.

On the plus side is a high-energy blues jam with Johnny Winter, titled "The Things I Used to do", a barnstorming alternate mix of "Room Full of Mirrors" and a jazz-rock jam featuring that fiercest of horn sections, the Brecker Brothers, called "South Saturn Delta", which suggests at least one new avenue that Hendrix was clearly preparing to explore at the time of his demise.

The Jimi Hendrix Concerts is a re-release (and first-time CD release) of a superior collection of live performances that reached the UK Top 20 when it was first made available in 1982. Classic versions of "I Don't Live Today", "Are You Experienced" and "Little Wing" are enough to justify its existence, and to explain the abiding fascination in this great musician's work. But what of his remains will there be left for the nostalgia industry to pick come next year's 20th anniversary of his death?



Nanci Griffith: restrained within the standard country-rock format

Griffith bound by the band

LIVE REVIEW
Johnny Black

Nanci Griffith
Hexagon, Reading

She has been performing for 20 years and released eight albums but, as recently as 1986, at least two country music encyclopaedias made no mention of Nanci Griffith.

Griffith's lyrics distance her from old-fangled country and western by addressing politics, women's rights and green issues. She also maintains arm's-length relations with the much-hyped New Country, preferring to identify herself with the Nashville/Hollywood songwriters enclave which includes Lyle Lovett, Harlan Howard and her ex-husband, Eric Taylor.

In 1987, one critic labelled her "the best female country/folk singer ever" and the turning point was reached. There was little difference in Griffith's songs, but an alliance with Nashville's hottest players had given her records the sparkle they had always deserved. By the year's end she was the critics' darling.

Her touring four-piece is capable, but bears little resemblance to the unit that complemented her perfectly three years ago. Whereas her albums once glistened with the interplay of folksy fiddles, mandolins and banjos, this band restrains Griffith within a standard country-rock format. Fran Breen's drums are too heavy. Byrd Burton's guitar is tasteful but lacks colour. Even James Hooker, a superb Memphis old-school session keyboardist who never wastes a note, can't let himself cut loose enough to coax the band into the more spirited performance which Griffith's material needs.

It is all the more interesting then, that at the Cambridge Folk Festival in July, accompanied only by Hooker and her own guitar, Griffith delivered a stunning set that brought a weary crowd to its feet, dancing and singing.

In the clear but dead acoustic space of The Hexagon, "Once in a Very Blue Moon", "Love Wore a Halo" and "I'm Not Drivin' These Wheels" all threatened to kick the set into gear, but didn't.

The timing couldn't be worse. Griffith undeniably deserves the bigger audiences she now draws but, on this showing, they'll need a good reason to give her a second chance.

● *Nanci Griffith and the Blue Moon Orchestra play at the Dominion, London, tonight and Sunday.*

WEEKEND GIGS

Compiled by David Toop, Rose Rouse and David Sinclair

NUSRAT FATEH ALI KAHN: The subject of last week's BBC 2 documentary in the *Rhythms of the World* series, Ali Kahn leads the field in the Qwali vocal traditions of Pakistan and India.
Westminster Central Hall, Westminster, London W1 (01-222 4161). Tonight, 7.00pm, £9.50.

CARLOS VALDEZ: This diminutive Cuban New Yorker has the reputation as being one of the all time greats of Afro-Latin percussion. First seen in London in 1981 as a member of Tito Puentes's band, his amusing style and fiery conga playing were among the highlights of the show.
Bass Clef, 35 Coronet St, London N1, (01-729 2476). Tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, £7.00.

ZAIKO LANGA LANGA: This is a breakaway group from the original Zaiko Langa Langa, which still retains the rough brilliance of one of Zaire's finest bands.
Hamersmith Palais, Shepherds Bush Road, London W6 (01-748 2812). Sunday, 8.00pm, £8.00

CATHAL COUGHLAN AND THE FATIMA MANSIONS: An Irish bard for society's renegades, Coughlan has dispensed with any easy listening tendencies and is on the attack. *Against Nature*, their first album, is full of welcome extremes.
Vertigo at Falcon, London NW1 (01-485 3834). Tomorrow, 8pm, £3.

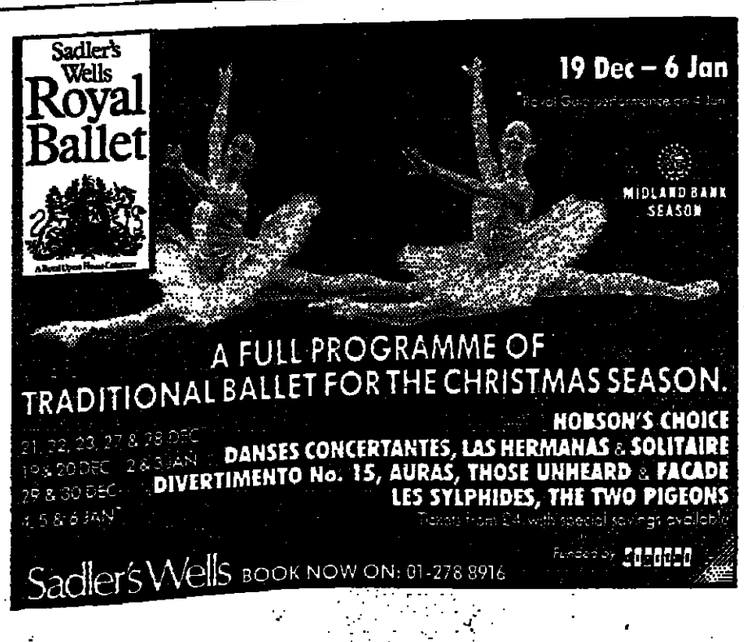
FREDDIE WHITE: Another talented Irish folk songwriter/singer hits the scene. Expect simplicity — an acoustic guitar, strong ballads and the odd wild jig.
Mean Fiddler, London NW10 (01-961 5490). Today, 8pm, £6.
The Cricketers, London SE11 (01-735 3059). Tomorrow, 8.30pm, £4.

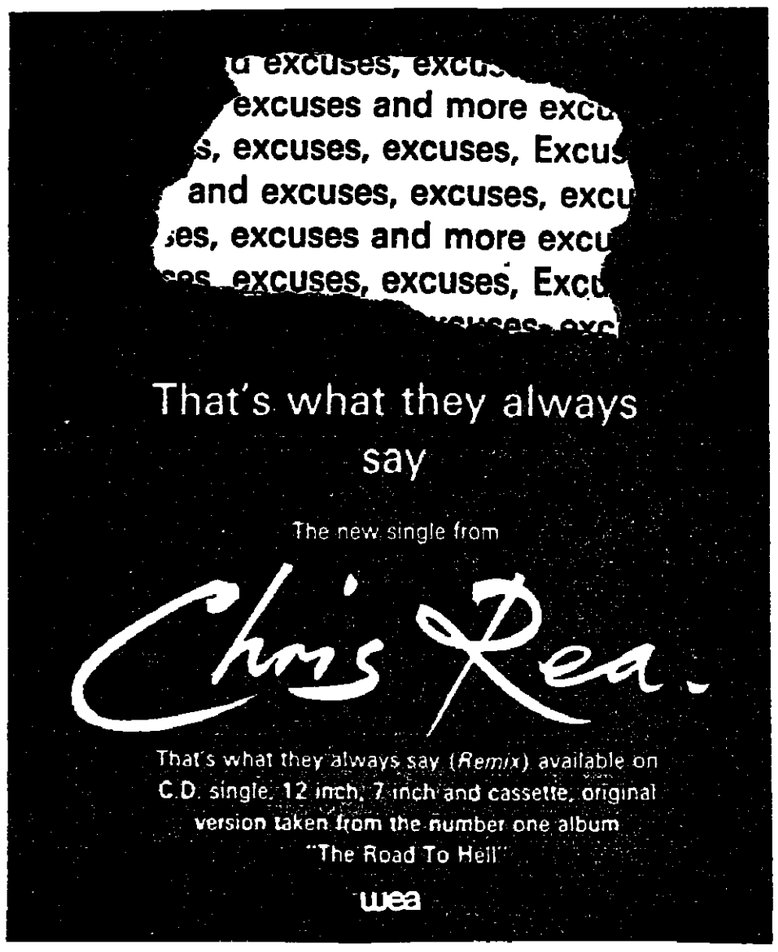
SUMMERHILL: Four Scottish boys with a mission to show the world they are a real rock band with none of the stadiumized clichés.
Bristol University (0272 735035). Today, 8pm, £5.
Leadmill, Sheffield (0742 754500). Tomorrow, 8.30pm, £3.

LOOP: A droll bunch of acid-heads from the Midlands, who grind out neo-Doors riffs and religiously ape the ambience of Sixties psychedelia. They claim to be so in favour of fuzz boxes that even their drummer has got one, but are not keen on the new technology. "The only place for a synthesizer is at the end of a sledgehammer," one of them once remarked.
University of Hull, Cottingham Rd (0482 466264). Tonight, 8pm. £4-£4.50.
Queen Margaret Union, 22 University Gardens, Glasgow (041 339 9784). Tomorrow, 8pm, £4-£4.50.
Riverside, 57-59 Melbourne St, Newcastle (091 261 4386). Sunday, 7.30pm, £2.50.

ADAMSKI: Nicknamed "the Acid Skinhead", he is spearheading the trend towards live performance in house. Using a drum machine and a keyboard, he has become a star of the warehouse party scene and has just released a debut album, *Liveandirect*.
Sub Club, Jamaica St, Glasgow (041 248 4600). Tonight, 10pm, £4-£5.
Fever, 15 Gordon St, Aberdeen (0224 571316). Tomorrow.
Metropolis, Hamilton St, Saltcoats (0294 68187). Sunday, 10pm, £3.50.

VASMALOM: Leading lights in the new wave of Hungarian folk whose imaginative use of traditional instrumentation has made them favourites at recent Womad festivals.
Totnes Pavilion, Borough Park, Station Road (0803 862992). Tonight, 8pm.
Rocinantes, White Ladies Rd, Bristol (0272 734482). Tomorrow, 8.30pm, free.





WEEKEND INFORMATION SERVICE



This selective guide to entertainment and events throughout Britain appears from Monday to Friday, followed in the Review section on Saturday by a preview of the week ahead. Items should be sent to The Times Information Service, PO Box 7, 1 Virginia Street, London E1 9XN

BOOKING KEY
☆ Seats available
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FILMS

■ Also on national release
≋ Advance booking possible

■ **BACK TO THE FUTURE II (PG):** Further time-travelling adventures with Michael J. Fox's teenager and Christopher Lloyd's mad scientist. Lavish sequel to the 1985 hit, again directed by Robert Zemeckis (105 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 2.10, 5.25, 8.10.
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 1.40, 5.40, 8.40.
Empire (01-437 1234). Progs 12.45, 3.30, 6.15, 9.00, 11.45.
Plaza (01-437 1234). Progs 12.30, 3.15, 6.00, 8.35, 11.30.
Screen on the Green (01-226 3520). Progs 4.1, 6.30, 8.15.

■ **DEAD POETS SOCIETY (PG):** Fiery portrait of modern youth from director Peter Weir, with Robin Williams as an English teacher who instils in his pupils a dangerous love of poetry (128 min).
Cannon Baker Street (01-935 9772). Progs 1.55, 4.55, 7.55.
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.40, 6.25, 9.15.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 11.45, 2.35, 5.30, 8.30.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 2.55, 5.35, 8.20.
Cannon Prince Charles (01-437 8181). Progs 2.20, 5.15, 8.05.

DEEPSTAR SIX (15): An enraged sea-monster attacks a deep-sea resarch team with Nancy Ecerhard and Greg Evigan (99 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.30, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.00, 4.25, 7.30, 10.00.

ERNEST SAVES CHRISTMAS (U): Nitwit taxi-driver Ernest gets mixed up in an ageing Santa's attempt to locate a successor.
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.15, 4.40.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 12.45.
≋ **Warner West End** (01-439 0791). *Progs 2.05, 4.15, 6.30, 8.40.*

■ **FIELD OF DREAMS (PG):** Overly cosy Americana, with Kevin Costner as a farmer encouraged by a celestial voice to use his cornfield for a baseball pitch (106 min).
Cannon Fulham Road (01-370 2636). Progs 2.15, 6.15, 9.10.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.30.
Cannon Shaftesbury Avenue (01-836 6279). Progs 2.25, 5.35, 8.15.

■ **GHOSTBUSTERS II (PG):** More absurd adventures with the paranormal investigators, combatting a devilish pink slime (108 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1 35, 4.00, 7.10, 9.40.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 12.45, 3.25, 6.05, 8.45.
Odeon Leicester Square (01-930 6111). *Progs 12.15, 2.55, 5.35, 8.20, 10.00.*
Odeon Marble Arch (01-723 2011). Progs 1.05, 3.35, 6.35, 9.05.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.00, 3.40, 6.05, 8.40.

■ **HEATHERS (18):** Sharp, black farce from a new American director, Michael Lehmann, about murderous goings-on among an élite group of pretty high school girls (103 min).
Cannon Chelsea (01-352 5096). Progs 1.45, 4.05, 7.10, 9.30.
Cannon Haymarket (01-839 1527). Progs 1.40, 4.00, 6.20, 8.35.
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.10, 3.35, 6.00, 8.35.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644). Progs 1.20, 3.50, 6.20, 8.50.
Screen on Baker Street (01-935 2772). Progs 2.20, 4.30, 6.50, 8.50.

PET SEMATARY (18): Gore galore in Stephen King's strangely incoherent adaptation of his own novel; with Dale *Midkiff as the New England newcomer* trying to bring the dead to life (102 min).
Cannon Oxford Street (01-636 0310). Progs 1.00, 3.25, 5.50, 8.30.
≋ **Plaza** (01-437 1234). Progs 1.15, 3.45, 6.15, 8.45.

■ **ROAD HOUSE (18):** In which Patrick Swayze tries his hand at fisticuffs: glossy, brawling nonsense, featuring Swayze as a bouncer hired to clean up a bar's clientele (114 min).
Cannon Panton Street (01-930 0631). Progs 2.00, 4.40, 7.25, 10.00.

■ **SHIRLEY VALENTINE (15):** Pauline Collins repeats her stage triumph as the Liverpool housewife who rediscovers romance (109 min).
Empire (01-200 0200). Progs 1.00, 3.45, 6.30, 9.15.
≋ **Cannon Fulham Road** (01-370 2636). Progs 2.05, 6.10, 9.15.
≋ **Notting Hill Coronet** (01-727 6705). *Progs 1.30, 3.50, 6.10, 8.30.*

WILT (15): Wild black farce from Tom Sharpe's comic novel, with Griff Rhys-Jones as the eponymous hero set up for a murder, and Mel Smith as the investigating detective; directed by Michael Tuchner (92 min).
Cannon Chelsea 901-352 5096). Progs 1.55, 6.50, 9.20.
Odeon Kensington (01-602 6644/5). Progs 1.35, 4.00, 6.25, 8.50. Late Fri, Sat 11.15.
Odeon Swiss Cottage (01-722 5905). Progs 1.40, 3.50, 6.20, 8.45.
Odeon West End (01-930 5252). Progs 1.20, 3.40, 6.15, 8.50.

THEATRE

LONDON

☆ **THE BAKER'S WIFE:** New Stephen Schwartz musical about a love affair that disrupts a French village's bread supply; directed by Trevor Nunn.
Phoenix Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, WC2 (01-836 2294). Tube: Tottenham Court Rd. Mon-Sat 7.30pm; mats Thurs and Sat 2.30pm. £12.50-£22.50. **(D)**

☆ **HEARTBREAK HOUSE:** Shared Experience/Derby Playhouse co-production: strangely but strongly imagined version of Shaw's attack on English languor.
Riverside Studios, Crisp Road, London W6 (01-748 3354). Tube: Hammersmith. Mon-Sat, 7.30pm, except tomorrow: 7pm, £7.50.

☆ **LADY BETTY:** Declan Donnellan's *stylish play with songs for Cheek by* Jowl: based on a true story of the Rosecommon murderess who became public hangwoman.
Almeida Theatre, Almeida St, N1 (01-359 4404). Tube: Highbury & Islington. Mon-Sat 8pm, mats Sat 4pm, previews and mats and Dec 4 £6. Other perfs £10.

☆ **A LIFE IN THE THEATRE:** Delicious playing by Denholm Elliott and Samuel West in David Mamet's study of an old *actor and his ambitious junior.*
Theatre Royal, Haymarket, SW1 (01-930 9832). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Tues-Sat 8pm. Mats Thur, Sat 4.30pm, £6-£16.50. Transfers to the Strand Theatre from Dec 12. **(D)**

☆ **OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD:** Triple award-winning play by Timberlake Wertenbaker, set in New South Wales 200 years ago where a batch of convicts are ordered to become actors.
Garrick Theatre, Charing Cross Rd, EC2 (01-379 6107). Tube: Leicester Sq. Mon-Thurs 8-10.20pm, Fri and Sat 8.15-10.35pm, mats Fri and Sat 5-7.20pm, £7.50-£15.

★ **PRIN:** Commanding performance by Sheila Hancock as a rude, snobbish, autocratic college principal with principles you have to admire.
Lyric Theatre, Shaftesbury Ave, W1 (01-437 3686). Tube: Piccadilly Circus. Opens tonight 7.45-10.15pm, then Mon-Fri 7.45-10.15pm, Sat 8.15-10.45pm, mat Sat 4.30-7pm, £5-£15.

A sumptuous baritone



Like most of the modern soul men, Alexander O'Neal inhabits a world of conspicuous material comfort and emotional turmoil. At his last Wembley shows, in the summer of 1988, his on-stage valet shared equal billing with his backing musicians, while the nattily besuited O'Neal applied his sumptuous baritone to a repertoire of tortured ballads like "Crying Overtime", and aggressive funk routines such as "Fake." Born in Mississippi, the 35-year-old singer came up through the school of hard knocks in Prince's musical fiefdom of Minneapolis. Together with Jimmy Jam and Terry Lewis, he was a member of the group Flyte Time, which was eventually recruited to be Prince's backing band, at which point O'Neal quit. "I didn't see no point in being a star with no money", he later explained, although others have been quick to point out the enormous clash of egos that a meeting between Prince and O'Neal must have involved.

O'Neal set about building a solo career with the help of his buddies Jam and Lewis, who were to become one of the major production teams of the Eighties. In 1985 he released a début album that fared much better in the UK chart than it did in America, a pattern which was to continue with several singles, until the release of his 1987 blockbuster *Hearsay*. His last album, a collection of Christmas standards including "Winter Wonderland" and a sassy funked-up version of "The Little Drummer Boy", did not fare so well, but Epic is now repromoting it together with a double-album repackage of *Hearsay* and its celebrated re-mix companion *All Mixed Up*. Tonight, for eight nights (not Tuesday), Wembley Arena, Empire Way, Middlesex (01-902 1234) 7.30pm, £17.50; December 11 and 12, NEC, Birmingham (021 780 4133); December 16, G-Mex, Manchester (061 834 2700).
David Sinclair

CONCERTS

TODAY

☆ **SHIPLEY'S SHOW:** Frank Shipley conducts the LPO in Tchaikovsky's Piano Concerto No 2 and Rachmaninov's Symphony No 2.
Festival Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.30-9.30pm, £5-£20.

OVCHINIKOV OCCASION: Vladimir Ovchinikov, performs Prokofiev's Sonata No 8 and the complete Rachmaninov *Etudes-Tableaux* Opp 33 and 39.
Wigmore Hall, 36 Wigmore St, London W1 (01-935 2141), 7.30pm, £5-£10.

☆ **RANKI RECITAL:** Replacing the injured Annie Fischer, the pianist Dezco Ranki plays Beethoven's Sonata in E flat Op 7, Bartok's *Out of Doors* suite and Brahms's Variations and Fugue on a Theme of Handel Op 24.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800), 7.45pm, £4-£10.

TOMORROW

☆ **WRIGHT MIXTURE:** Brian Wright conducts the Goldsmiths' Choral Union, LPO and others in a programme that ranges from Constant Lambert's *Rio Grande*, via Rachmaninov's Paganini Rhapsody to Orff's *Carmina Burana*.
Festival Hall, 7.30pm, £5-£20.

SUNDAY

☆ **WELLER/ALEXEEV:** Walter Weller conducts the LSO in Wagner's *Rienzi* Overture, Schumann's Piano Concerto (soloist, Dimitri Alexeev) and Richard Strauss's
Barbican Centre, Silk St, London EC2 (01-638 8891), 7.30-9.30pm, £4.50-£20.

☆ ***PEER GYNT/PETROUSHKA:** The* Hallé Orchestra is conducted by Stanislaw Skrowaczewski in Grieg's *Peer Gynt* music, Mendelssohn's Concerto for Violin and Piano (Pan Hon Lee and Janet Simpson, soloists) and the 1947 version of Stravinsky's *Petroushka* Ballet.
Free Trade Hall, Peter St, Manchester (061-834 1712), 7.30pm, £2.25-£12.50.

ROCK

TODAY

☆ **STATUS QUO:** Veteran boogie band whose recent single "Not at all" has proved the least successful of their 40 hits.
Torbay Leisure Centre, Clennon Valley, Penwill Way, Paignton (0803 522240) 8pm, £10-£12.50, for two nights.

TOMORROW

★ **ERASURE:** Arena strength synth-pop from the odd couple, Vince Clarke and Andy Bell.
SECC, Finnieston St, Glasgow (041 248 3000) 7.30pm, £9.50, for two nights.

SUNDAY

NATALIE COLE: *A favourite in the UK* since her hit last year with Springsteen's "Pink Cadillac", although her latest single "Starting Over Again" has made little impression on the chart.
Apollo, Ardwick Green, Manchester (061 273 3775) 7.30pm, £8-£9.50.

☆ **MARILLION:** The new-look progressive rockers with ex-European Steve Hogarth replacing the departed Fish.
***Newcastle City Hall**, Northumberland* Rd (091 261 2606) 7.30pm, £10-£11.

OPERA

☆ **MADAM BUTTERFLY:** Strong revival of Graham Vick's split level production for English National Opera.
Coliseum, London WC2 (01-836 3161), 7.30-10.30pm, £3-£33.

☆ **DER FREISCHUTZ:** Challenging new Weber production by Andre Engel for Welsh National Opera, with Peter Hirsch conducting.
Apollo Theatre, Oxford (0865 244544), 7.15-10.30pm, £8-£27.

JAZZ

TODAY

JOHN MCLAUGHLIN: Final date of his tour with a duffuse trio featuring Trilok Gurtu (percussion) and Kai Eckhardt-Epah (electric bass).
Queen's Hall, Clerk St, Edinburgh (031 668 2019) 8.30pm, £7, £8.50.

☆ **JOHN ZORN:** Modish post-modernism from the New York altoist and his Naked City ensemble, with guitarist Bill Frisell and bassist Fred Frith.
Dunhelm House, Durham (info 091 384 3720/374 3210) tonight, 8pm, £3.50.
Chapter Arts, Cardiff (0222 399666) tomorrow, 8pm, £6.

☆ **ARTURO SANDOVAL:** Closing nights from the ever-popular Dizzy-style trumpeter, a former member of Irakere.
Ronnie Scott's Club, 47 Frith St, London W1 (01-439 0747) tonight, tomorrow, 9.30pm, £12 (members £6).

TOMORROW

☆ **MIKE GIBBS PROJECT:** A two-day showcase for the composer, with *workshops and discussion of his film* music throughout Saturday followed on Sunday by the sole UK date by his British Orchestra, featuring Ian Carr and Django Bates.
Midlands Arts Centre, Cannon Hill Park, Birmingham (021 440 3838) weekend ticket, £5.50.

SUNDAY

50 YEARS OF POPULAR SONG 1939-1989: Benny Green supervises the nostalgia. Contributions from Carole Woods, the Don Innes Trio and the Kenny Baker All Stars.
Queen Elizabeth Hall, South Bank, London SE1 (01-928 8800) 7.45pm, £5-£15.

DANCE

☆ **TO COMFORT GHOSTS:** New work *by Dan Waggoner for London* Contemporary Dance Theatre.
Sadler's Wells Theatre, Rosebery Ave, London EC2 (01-278 8916), tonight and tomorrow, 7.30pm, £4-£14.

☆ **LIPPIZANER:** Premiere by Gillian Lynne for Northern Ballet Theatre.
Palace Theatre, Manchester (061 236 9922), tonight 7.30pm, tomorrow, 2.30pm and 7.30pm, £4-£13.50.

☆ **EMBRACE TIGER:** Revival of Glen Petley's Tai Chi creation for Rambert's Dance company.
Theatre Royal, Glasgow (041 331 1234), today and tomorrow, 7.30pm, £4-£12.

OTHER EVENTS

TODAY

THE LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR: Unique annual event with leading dealers from all over the world selling over 6,000 prints dating from the renaissance to the present day. Prices range from £30 to £100,000.
Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1. Today until Dec 4, daily 11am-6pm. Admission £4 includes catalogue, concessions £2.

TOMORROW

SIGNATHON: Dozens of popular authors take part in a marathon signing session for four charities — Help a London Child, Crisis at Christmas, Friends of the Earth and Save the Children. Celebrities include Antonia Fraser, Michael Palin, Robin Day, Joanna Lumley, Barry Took, Jane Asher, Jancis Robinson. Entertainments include face reading, graphology, dream interpretation. Also tombola prizes, signathon T-shirts and souvenir programmes.
***Dillons the Bookstore**, 82 Gower St, London WC1. Tomorrow 11am-4pm.* Admission free. Authors' signatures 50p or as much as you want to give.

SUNDAY

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS CHARITY GALA: In aid of Action Research for the Crippled Child, a concert designed to introduce children to classical music, led by Keith Chegwin. Philip Ellis conducts the City of London Sinfonia in a programme of seasonal music by Mozart, Tchaikovsky, Prokofiev. Also Howard Blake's Snowman and dancing by students of the Susan Robinson School of Ballet, narration by Peter Barkworth. Paddington Bear leads Christmas carols to close the concert.
The London Palladium, Argyle St, London W1 Sunday, 4.30pm. Tickets from £7.50 to £35. Box office (01-437 7373).

WALKS

TODAY

POLITICAL LONDON — GOVERNMENT AND PARLIAMENT: Meet Westminster tube, 11am, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

A CITY IN THE BLITZ: Meet Westminster tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

TOMORROW

THE SHERLOCK HOLMES TRAIL OF MYSTERY: Meet Baker St tube, 10.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

THE LONDON OF JACK THE RIPPER: Meet Tower Hill tube, 2pm, £3 (01-937 4281).

SUNDAY

THE ORIGINAL LONDON OF DICKENS AND SHAKESPEARE: Meet Monument tube, 11.30am, £3 (01-937 4281).

LONDON — ROYAL AND ARISTOCRATIC: Meet Green Park tube, 2.30pm, £3.50 (01-668 4019).

GALLERIES

ANISH KAPOOR: New scuptures by the artist chosen to represent Britain at the 1990 Venice Biennale.
Lisson Gallery, 67 Lisson St, London NW1 (01-724 2739), Tues-Fri 10am-6pm, Sat 10am-1pm, free, until Jan 4.

THE LONDON ORIGINAL PRINT FAIR: Twenty-five international dealers gather to show their best old master and contemporary graphics.
Royal Academy of Arts, Piccadilly, *London W1 (01-439 7438), daily 11am-*6pm, £4, until Dec 4.

TRANSFORMATION: Recent art from the Soviet Union which revealing how younger artists are responding to new freedoms.
Cleveland Gallery, Victoria Rd, Middlesbrough (0642 248155), Tues-Sat noon-7pm, free, until Jan 10.

PHOTOSCULPTURE: Works by artists such as Andy Goldsworthy and Ron O'Donnell who use photography to record their sculptural activities and installations.
Watershed, 1 Canons Rd, Bristol (0272 276444), Mon-Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 11am-10pm, free, until Jan 28.

KIT TWYFORD: Recent sculpture.
Pomeroy Purdy Gallery, Jacob Street Studios, Mill St, London SE1 (01-237 6062), Tues-Fri 11am-6.30pm, Sat 11am-4pm, free, until Jan 13.

ICI VILLA MOI: An installation by humorous feminist and social commentator Sylvia Ziranek.
Waterman's Arts Centre, 40 High St, Brentford, Middx (01-568 1176), Mon-Fri 11am-8.30pm, Sat 10am-9pm, Sun noon-9pm, free, until Jan 7.

PAINTINGS FOR THE BOUDOIR: Works by Sophie Parkin.
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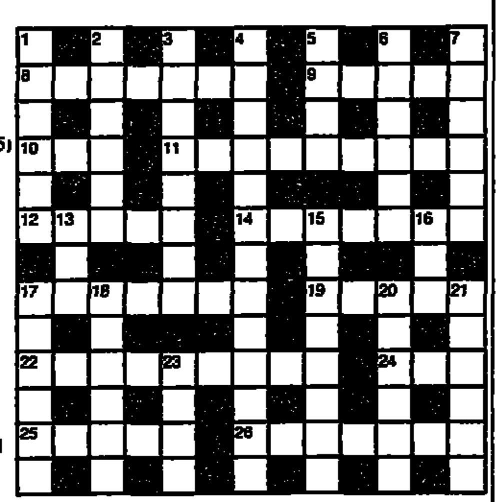
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WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 24

FOUR
(b) A flop or failure. The expression *faire un four*, although originally confined to the French theatrical and showbiz worlds, is seeping into the everyday language, with the meaning of having one's witty repartee received in dismal silence. A reverse *esprit d'escalier* wishing one had never spoken.

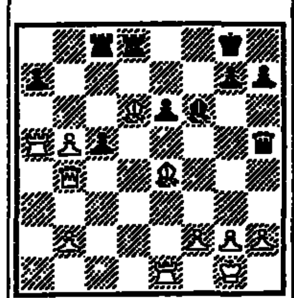
RAFFUT
(c) Din, racket, noise, hullabaloo; *Il a fait un de ses raffuts quand on lui a présenté l'addition*; He certainly kicked up a racket when they gave him the bill: *Un raffut de tous les diables* is the French equivalent of the English a devil of a row.

CRESSON
(a) Thatch or hair; the *short-and-curlies*; *N'avoir plus de cresson sur la cressonière.*

RÉBECCA
(a) *Faire du rébecca* To kick up a fuss, protest vehemently; to initiate a punch-up; to go with fists flying into an argument; *Une séance de rébecca* A bout of fisticuffs.

WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene, Chess Correspondent



The above position is from the game Kasparov (White) against Agdestein (Black) Tilburg 1989. White plays and wins. The answer will be given in tomorrow's *Times.*

Solution to yesterday's position: Black wins with 1...Rhxg4+ 2 Bxg4 Nh4+.

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TELEVISION & RADIO

Compiled by Peter Dear and Gillian Maxey

Journey back in the USSR

TELEVISION CHOICE

Peter Waymark

● The combative Oxford historian Norman Stone travels from Leningrad by way of the Baltic Republics and Kiev to the Black Sea, in **Great Journeys** (BBC2, 9.30pm). Though he has been studying the Soviet Union for many years, and speaks Russian, this is his first visit. He *seems unsurprised* by what he sees. Stone is no fan of Soviet ideology, to put it mildly. He even suggests that the Soviets started the Cold War, a view *much* contested by other historians. He sets his tone by describing the remains of Lenin as "this gruesome old mummy". More than once he implies that things would have been better had Tsarism survived the First World War. Tsarist Russia, he *contends*, was harmless compared with the terrors of Stalin. And he points out that by 1914 Russia had overtaken France in the world economy and was on the way to becoming a superpower.



Not a fan of Soviet ideology: Oxford historian Norman Stone (BBC2, 9.30pm)

Under communism the only thing it has been good at is producing weapons. Stone uses the present as a peg for exploring the past. With the help of Eisenstein's film, he goes back to *Alexander Nevsky*, and brings in Eisenstein again to puncture myths about the Bolshevik seizure of the Winter Palace. He finds an historical parallel to Gorbachov in Stolypin, the reforming prime minister of the last tsarist years, while reminding us, rather ungraciously, that Stolypin was assassinated. As with *most television excursions into the* Soviet Union, the weak part of the film is its conversations with the locals. Chatting with a group of Soviet historians, Stone remarks that at last they are allowed to be honest about the past. The reality, at least on this film, is the same old bumbling platitudes. Perhaps the most striking thing about the programme is that Stone was allowed in to make it. After his criticism of communism in the British press he confesses that he was surprised to get a visa.

● *Hysteria 2 (Channel 4, 10.30pm)* is a jolly couple of hours in the company of Stephen Fry, Lennie Henry, John Cleese, Rowan Atkinson and other talents, comic, thespian and musical, in the cause of World Aids Day. Unlike the not dissimilar *Secret Policeman's Ball* series for Amnesty, this one features a high *proportion of new material. Some items* will appeal more than others, though this is partly a matter of taste. Apart from supporting an excellent cause, *Hysteria 2* will be valuable source material for cultural historians of the future who wish to catch the flavour of British television comedy in the late 1980s.

BBC 1

6.05 The Flintstones in *Itty Bitty Fred* (r)
6.30 BBC Breakfast News with Laurie Mayer and Jill Dando. Includes news headlines every 15 minutes; and regular sports bulletins, weather, regional news and travel; and a review of the morning newspapers by Paul Callan **8.55** Regional news and weather
9.00 News and *weather followed by* Open Air. Jayne Irving with viewers' *comments on yesterday's* television programmes. To contribute *ring* 061 814 0424
9.20 Kilroy. Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject
10.00 News and weather followed by Going for Gold (r)
10.25 Children's BBC, presented by Simon Parkin, begins with Playbus **10.50** The Family-Ness. Cartoon series (r) **10.55** Five to Eleven. Oscar James with a reading
11.00 News and weather followed by Open Air. Includes a report from Elaine Lipworth in the United States on 24-hour shopping malls; and a visit to *Gardeners' World* at Barnsdale for some seasonal advice from Geoff Hamilton and Anne Swithinbank
12.00 News and weather followed by Daytime Live. Magazine series presented by Judi Spiers and Alan Titchmarsh **12.55** Regional news and weather
1.00 One O'Clock News with Philip Hayton. Weather **1.30** Neighbours. Des thinks he should fire Harold, something with which Madge fully agrees; and Bronwyn and Sharon are unhappy with a business deal between Aunt Edie and Des. (Ceefax)
1.50 Film: Yangtse Incident (1957, b/w) starring Richard Todd, William Hartnell and Donald Houston. Drama, based on fact, about HMS Amethyst which, in 1949, was trapped by Communist forces on the Yangtse River. After an abortive attempt to negotiate the ship's release Lieutenant Commander Kerans decides to clandestinely sail the ship down the river. Directed by Michael Anderson.
3.40 Popeye in *Big Bad Sinbad* **3.50** Corners. Young people's questions answered by Simon Davies and Diane-Louise Jordan **4.05** Paw Paws. Animated adventures of a tribe of bear cubs **4.30** The Satellite Show with Lisa Maxwell, Nick Wilton and Gideon Escott
4.55 Newsround **5.05** Record Breakers. Cheryl Baker talks to England goalkeeper Peter Shilton about his record-breaking career and *Roy Castle visits Baltimore in the* United States to see the record for *the most objects juggled at one* time challenged. Plus, the world's *highest column of milk crates* reaches new heights
5.35 Neighbours (r). (Ceefax)
6.00 Six O'Clock News with Peter Sissons and Moira Stuart. Weather
6.30 Newsroom South East
7.00 Wogan with Annie Charleston and Ian Smith of *Neighbours*, Richard Wilson and Shirley Ann Field. Plus a song from Michelle Shocked
7.35 22 Years of the Two Ronnies. Messrs Barker and Corbett present another personal selection of clips from their fruitful comedy partnership. (Ceefax)
8.20 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em. Comedy chaos when Frank and Betty move into their new home and Frank decides to take up woodwork evening classes in order to try and increase the value of their household contents (r)
9.00 Nine O'Clock News with Martyn Lewis. Regional news and weather
9.30 Casualty. In this last in the current series, a leaving party for Alex is brought to an abrupt halt at 2.am when there is an explosion in the city centre and Charlie and his team have to face their toughest challenge yet. Starring Belinda Davison, Derek Thompson, Cathy Shipton and Stephen McEachran. (Ceefax)
10.20 Omnibus: My Most Difficult Book – Lolita. Christopher Sykes' film explores the composition, technique and inspiration behind the enduring attraction of Vladimir Nabokov's controversial novel *Lolita*. With contributions from Martin Amis, A S Byatt, Edmund White and Nabokov's biographer Dr Brian Boyd
11.25 International Snooker. Semifinal action in the the Stormseal United Kingdom championship introduced by David Vine
12.35am Weather. Ends at **12.40**

ITV/LONDON

6.00 TV-am begins with News and Good Morning Britain presented by Kathryn Holloway and, from **7.00** by Richard Keys and Lorraine Kelly. Includes news at **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** and **9.00**. After Nine includes Russell Grant with the week's sun signs
9.25 Keynotes. Alistair Divall with another edition of the music quiz *game for teams* **9.55** Thames News and weather
10.00 The Time...The Place... Anna Soubry chairs a discussion on a topical matter
10.40 This Morning. Magazine series presented by Richard Madeley and Judy Finnigan. Today's edition includes items on beauty and fashion; pet care; and skiing. Plus national and international news at **10.55** and regional news at **11.55** followed by national weather
12.10 Rainbow. Learning with puppets series **12.30** Home and Away. Carly starts a petition demanding that Jeff be discharged; and Roo sets out to win friends
1.00 News at One with John Suchet. Weather **1.20** Thames News and weather
1.30 Room for Change. *Refurbishing* the hall **2.00** The Bill (r)
3.00 Tell the Truth. Fred Dinenage presents the last in the find-the-fraud panel game. This afternoon's guests are Chris Blake, Eve Ferrett, Jeffrey Holland and Sue Robbie **3.25** Thames News and weather **3.30** Sons and Daughters. Australian family drama series
4.00 Bugs Bunny and Friends in *The Leghorn Blows at Midnight* and *Water, Water Every Hare* (r) **4.20** Erasmus Microman helps to thwart a plan to sabotage the railway linking the east and west coast of 19th century America **4.45** Knightmare. Electronic *Dungeons and Dragons*-type game
5.10 Home and Away (r)
5.40 News with Trevor McDonald. Weather **5.55** Police 5 Plus with Shaw Taylor
6.00 Six O'Clock Live presented by Frank Bough
7.00 Family Fortunes. Game show hosted by Les Dennis
7.30 Coronation Street. The police feel they know where Rita's body is buried and take action as the residents of the street begin to round on Alan Bradley, who continues to protest his innocence. Meanwhile, Mike Baldwin is furious to discover that the deal he made for some land in Spain was a con and that he has lost his money. (Oracle)
8.00 Watching. The first of a new series of the romantic comedy about the unstable, bittersweet *relationship between Malcolm and* Brenda. Starring Paul Bown and *Emma Wray*
8.30 Home To Roost. A new series of *the comedy begins with Henry's* thoughts turning to love when he *meets an old flame. Starring John* Thaw, Reece Dinsdale and Jill Gascoine
9.00 A Bit of a Do: The Civic Wedding. Final episode of the comedy drama series starring David Jason
10.00 News at Ten with Julia Somerville and Trevor McDonald. Weather **10.30** LWT News and weather
10.35 Aids Update 89. (Oracle)
10.45 The London Programme. Trevor Phillips reports on safety and the Channel Tunnel
11.15 Crime Story. Drama series about a 1960s Chicago policeman's fight against organized crime. Starring Dennis Farina
12.10am The Man from UNCLE. When Solo and Kuryakin go undercover at a disco in order to arrest the manager, a number of beautiful distractions make their job difficult (r)
1.10 The James Whale Radio Show. The acerbic chat show host insults another collection of foolhardy contributors
2.10 Crazy Like a Fox. Harrison and his father help a fashion designer *who is receiving threatening* telephone calls from her husband *who was thought to have died in a* car accident
3.10 *CinemAttractions*. The week's box office successes in the United States
3.40 US Baseball. Further coverage of *the play-offs*
4.40 Crusade in Europe. Second in the *new series based on General* Eisenhower's Second World War memoirs
5.10 ITN Morning News with Richard Bath. Ends at **6.00**

BBC 2

6.00 News **6.15** Westminster **9.00** Ceefax
9.15 Daytime on Two: a wry look at death **9.45** Scotland's oil industry **10.05** Learning to read **10.25** A Scottish pilgrimage **10.45** A children's story **11.03** A Christmas concert **11.25** Maths **11.40** *Children and strangers* **12.00** France and the French **12.15** *Paul returns to his old school for* the maladjusted **12.45** A *performance by Charles Dickens* **1.20** *Green Claws* **1.40** Episode three of Jan Mark's *Handles*
2.00 News and weather followed by a series for the young
2.15 Sport on Friday. Includes the semifinals of the Stormseal UK snooker championship. With news and weather at **3.00** and **3.50**
4.00 International Snooker
4.30 Talk of the 80s. Joan Bakewell in conversation with composer George Benjamin
5.00 Clean Slate. On World Aids Day, Jill Cochrane reports on sex *education in schools*
5.30 Food and Drink (r)
6.00 Film: *The Left Hand of God* (1955) starring Humphrey Bogart. After the *Second World War, a Catholic* priest arrives in a remote Chinese *village that is in thrall to a brutal* warlord. But despite gaining the *respect of the peasants, the local* doctor starts to suspect the real *reason for the priest's presence.* Directed by Edward Dmytryk
7.25 Friday Report: Living with Cancer. Sally Burton talks to cancer *victims about how they have* come to terms with their condition
7.55 *Prisoners of Conscience*. Alan Bennett profiles tonight's victim. (Ceefax)
8.00 Public Eye presented by Peter Taylor
8.30 The Travel Show Guides. The Rhine Valley *in* Germany. (Ceefax)
9.00 Mornin' Sarge. Police comedy series
9.30 Great Journeys (see Choice)
10.30 Newsnight
11.15 Prisoners of Conscience. See 7.55pm. (Ceefax) **11.20** Weather
11.25 Talk of the 80s. See 4.30pm
11.55 Film: Scream of Fear (1961) starring Susan Strasberg. Psychological thriller about a wheelchair-bound heiress who decides to *visit her father at the* family villa in the South of France. Directed by Seth Holt. Ends at **1.20am**

CHANNEL 4

6.00 The Channel Four Daily introduced by Carol Barnes
9.25 Schools
12.00 The Parliament Programme presented by Sue Cameron
12.30 Business Daily. Financial and business *news service* introduced by Damian Green
1.00 *Sesame Street. Pre-school* learning series. The guest is Placido *Domingo*
2.00 Interviewing. An Open College series on interviewing skills (r). (Oracle)
2.30 North and South. The final episode of the drama serial about the lives of two American families in the years leading up to the Civil War. Starring Kirstie Alley and Patrick Swayze (r)
4.15 Movie Museum (b/w). *Bicycle Race Film Ad*, made in 1900, one of the first ads to sell bicycles; and *The Crooked Road*, a documentary about turning to crime, made in 1911
4.30 Fifteen-to-One. General *knowledge quiz presented by* William G. Stewart
5.00 *Eisenhower and Lutz*. American comedy series about a one-man law *firm. Starring Scott Bakula and* Henderson Forsythe.
5.30 *Hard News* (r)
6.00 Big World (r)
7.00 *Channel Four News* with Jon Snow and Zeinab Badawi. Weather
7.55 *Book Choice. Richard Raynor* discusses *Hollywood* – the new *novel by Gore Vidal. (Oracle)*
8.00 The Art of Pleasing People. *Christopher Frayling continues his* exploration of how success is *created. Tonight he looks at the* spectacular rise of Scottish pop *group Wet Wet Wet. (r)*
8.30 Walkie Talkie. This week it is *Glenda Jackson's turn to hear the* thoughts of Muriel Gray
9.00 *Empty Nest. Domestic comedy* series starring Richard Mulligan
9.30 *A Gardener's Guide to apples.* Narrated by John Huntley (r). (Oracle)
10.00 The Golden Girls. *Award-winning* comedy series. Tonight's episode *features a cameo role* by Bob Hope. (Oracle)
10.30 Hysteria 2 (see Choice)
12.30am Film: Foreign Correspondent *(1940, b/w) starring Joel McCrea.* Drama about an American foreign *correspondent* in 1938 Europe who becomes embroiled with Nazi *spies. Directed by Alfred Hitchcock.* Ends at **2.45**

SATELLITE

SKY ONE

5.00am Sky News **5.30** European Business Channel **6.00** DJ Kat Show **8.30** Panel Pot Pourri **10.00** The Sullivans **10.30** Sky By Day **12.00** Another World **12.55pm** General Hospital **1.50** As The World Turns **2.45** Loving **3.15** The Young Doctors **3.45** Dennis **4.00** Countdown **5.00** Sky Star Search **6.00** The New Price *Is Right* **6.30** *Sale of the Century* **7.00** Black Sheep Squadron **8.00** Riptide **9.00** *Hunter* **10.00** All-American Wrestling **11.00** Sky World News Tonight **11.30** The *Deadly Ernest Horror Show* **1.15am** Countdown

SKY NEWS

News on the hour.
5.00am Sky News **5.30** Beyond 2000 **6.30** *European Business Channel* **11.30** Our World **12.30pm** NBC Today **1.30** NBC Today **2.30** Parliament **3.15** Parliament **4.30** Our World **5.00** Live at Five **6.30** Beyond 2000 **7.30** The Reporters **8.30** The Frank Bough Interview **9.30** *Newsline* **10.30** The Reporters **11.30** NBC Nightly News **12.30am** The FBI **1.30** Newsline **2.30** The Reporters **3.30** The FBI **4.30** Newsline

SKY MOVIES

From **8.00am** The Satellite Shop **2.00pm** The Kid Who Wouldn't Quit: True story of a mentally retarded boy **3.00** Jack Frost: Jack Frost falls in love with Elisa the snow-woman **4.00** Transformers – The Movie (1986): Animated story about a group of robots **6.00** Keeping Track (1985): Two witnesses to a political murder are tracked by both the CIA and the KGB **7.40** Entertainment Tonight **8.00** Stakeout (1987): A cop falls for the girlfriend of an escaped convict **10.00** Invasion USA (1985): Chuck Norris launches a deadly assault against communist infiltrators who have landed on Florida's coast **11.45** The Deathmaster (1972): A hippy vampire sets out to entrap a Californian community by using black magic **1.15am** The Hitchhiker: Minuteman: With John Shea and Alexandra Paul **1.45** Agent on Ice (1985): An ex-CIA agent investigates the death of two friends **4.00** Johnny Dangerously (1984): Send-up of 1930s gangster flicks, starring Michael Keaton and Danny De Vito. Ends at **5.25am**

EUROSPORT

5.00am World Business Report **5.30** *European Business Channel* **6.00** *DJ Kat* Show **8.30** Menu **9.00** Mobil Motor Sport News **9.30** *Surfer Magazine* **10.00** Australian Open Golf **12.00** Women's *European Masters Golf* **1.00pm** Showjumping **2.00** Badminton **3.00** *Basketball: Czechoslovakia v USSR* **4.00** World Cycling Championships **5.00** Showjumping **6.00** Women's Speedskating World Cup **7.00** Australian Open Golf **9.00** Badminton **10.00** Canadian Football

MTV

6.00am Kristiane Backer **10.30** At the Movies **11.00** Remote Control **11.30** Kristiane Backer **1.00pm** Marcel Vanthilt **3.00** 3 from 1 **3.15** Marcel Vanthilt **3.00** 3 from 1 **3.15** Marcel Vanthilt **4.30** The Week in Rock **5.00** Remote Control **5.30** Club MTV **6.00** Ray Cokes **6.30** XPO **7.30** Yo! **8.00** At the Movies **8.30** Spotlight **9.00** Ray Cokes **11.00** 120 Minutes **1.00am** Night Videos

SCREENSPORT

7.00am Wide World of Sport **8.00** NFL '89 Highlights **9.00** Powersports **10.00** Spanish Soccer **11.45** US Professional Boxing **1.15** Powersports **2.15** Argentina Football **4.00** NFL '89 Highlights **5.00** Motorsport **6.00** French Rugby League **7.30** Ice Hockey **9.30** Canadian Football **11.30** Sport en France **12.00** Boxing

LIFESTYLE

10.30am Search For Tomorrow **10.30** Keep Fit **10.35** Wok With Yan **11.00** Coffee Break **11.10** The Edge of Night **11.35** Great American Gameshows **12.50pm** Star Time **12.55** Sally Jessy Raphael **1.50** Skyways **2.40** Search For Tomorrow **3.05** Tea Break **3.15** The Detectives **4.05** Jack Thompson Down Under **4.35** Lifestyle Plus **4.45** Great American Gameshows

● Full information on satellite TV programmes is available in the weekly magazine, TV Guide.

VARIATIONS

BBC1 WALES: 6.30pm-7.00 Wales Today 12.35am-12.40 News and weather SCOTLAND: 10.50am-11.00 Dotaman 6.30pm-7.00 Reporting Scotland 10.20 Friday Sportscene 10.55-11.25 Left, Right and Centre NORTHERN IRELAND: 5.35pm *Sportswide* 5.40-6.00 *Inside* Ulster 6.30 Neighbours 6.58-7.00 Inside Ulster Update ENGLAND: 6.30pm-7.00 Regional news magazines

BBC2 WALES: 6.00pm Hindu Urdu Bol Chaal *6.25 Step Up to Word Power 6.50 The Flying* Doctors 7.35-7.55 Wales in Westminster SCOTLAND 7.35pm-7.55 Brag NORTHERN IRELAND: 9.45am-10.05 The Ulster Way 7.25pm-7.55 What Women Say ENGLAND: 7.25pm-7.55 *East* and *Newcastle*: The North Sea; *Midlands*: Crimewatch Midlands; *Leeds*: A Fisherman's Diary: *North-west: Lovat Road; South, South-west and West*: The World of Womad

ANGLIA As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Anglia News 2.00-3.00 Country Practice 5.10-5.40 Chain Letters 6.00 Home and Away 6.30-7.00 *About Anglia 10.45 Cross Question 11.45 Magnum* 12.40am-1.10 Soap 2.10 Policier: Dirty Money 4.00 Pop Profile 4.10-5.10 Baseball.

BORDER As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30 Gardening Time 2.00-3.00 Silk Road 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Lookaround 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.45 Selling Scotland 11.45-1.10am Film: *Foreign Exchange* 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.

CENTRAL As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.10-5.40 Chain Letters 6.00 Home and Away 6.25-7.00 *News 10.45 Central Weekend* 12.15am-1.10 Kojak 2.10 Film: I Was a Mail Order Bride 4.00 Invisible Man 4.30-5.00 Jazz.

CHANNEL As London except: 1.20-1.30 News 2.00-3.00 Santa Barbara 6.00 *Channel Report 6.30-7.00 Dodo Christmas Club* 10.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents 11.15 Country Ways 11.45 Sunburn 1.35 Aids: A Portrait of Hope 2.35 Cinemattractions 3.05 America's Top Ten 3.35 Baseball 4.35-5.00 Rabies.

GRAMPIAN *As London except: 1.20pm* Grampian News 1.30 Take the Plunge 2.00-3.00 Charlie's Angels 5.55 North Tonight 6.30-7.00 After Henry 10.45-1.10am Film: 10 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.

GRANADA As London except: 1.20pm *Granada Reports* 1.30-2.00 Week in View 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 5.55 Granda Reports 6.30-7.00 Kick Off 10.45 This England 11.15-1.10am Film: The Rip Off 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.

HTV WEST *As London except: 1.20pm-1.30* News 2.00-3.00 Ellis Island 5.55 News 6.30-7.00 Good Neighbour Show 10.45 Extra Time 11.30 Your Say 11.45 Kojak 12.40am-1.10 Cinemattractions 2.10 Film: Daddy's Gone A-Hunting *4.10 Best and Marsh: The Perfect Match* 4.35-5.00 Jobfinder.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 5.55-6.30pm Wales at Six 6.30-7.00 Stopwatch 10.45-11.45 Elinor.

SCOTTISH As London except: 1.20pm Scotland Today 1.35-3.00 Film: *Case of the Howling Dog' 6.00 Scotland Today* 6.30-7.00 Take the High Road 10.45 Scotsport 11.15 Prisoner: Cell Block H 12.15am-1.10 Crime Story 2.10 Quiz Night 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.

TSW *As London except: 1.20pm News* 1.30 Sullivans 2.00-3.00 Outsiders 3.27-4.00 *Home and Away* 5.10-5.40 Blockbusters 6.00 Today 6.30-7.00 Gardens for All 10.45 Crazy About the Movies 11.15-1.10am Film: The Rip-Off 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Nightbeat.

TVS *As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 News* 2.00-3.00 Santa Barbara 6.00-7.00 Coast to Coast 10.45 Alfred Hitchcock Presents: Houdini on Channel 4 11.15 The Ticket 11.45 Film: Sunburn 1.35am Aids Alive 2.40 Cinemattractions 3.10 America's Top Ten *3.40 Baseball* 4.40-5.00 *Rabies*.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20pm News 1.30-3.00 Film: Girls at Sea 6.00-7.00 Northern Life 10.45 End of the 80s 11.30-1.10am Film: Venom 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman *3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.*

ULSTER As London except: 1.20pm-1.30 Newstime 2.00-3.00 Donahue 3.30-4.00 Glenroe 6.00 Six Tonight 6.30-7.00 Sportsbeat 10.45 Kelly 11.45 Making of Batman 12.15am-1.10 I Spy 2.10 Sledge Hammer! 2.40 Batman 3.10 Time Tunnel 4.10-5.10 Night Beat.

YORKSHIRE *As London except: 1.20pm* News 1.30-3.00 Floods of Fear 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors 6.00 Calendar 6.30-7.00 The Calendar Fashion Show 10.45 Film: The Outlaws 12.10am-1.10 Kojak 2.10 Time Tunnel 3.10 Chances *Are 3.40 At the Maintenance Shop (Chick Corea)* 4.35 Night Gallery 4.45-5.00 Cover Story (Robert Conrad)

S4C Starts: 6.00am C4 Daily 9.25 Schools 12.10pm Pobol Y Cwm 12.30 News 12.35 5 Lon Goch 1.00 Flight Over Spain 1.30 Business Daily *2.00 Open College 2.30 North and South 4.10 Three* Stooges' 4.30 Fifteen to One 5.00 Noah's Ark 5.30 Math 6.00 News 6.15 Bwrw Mlaen 6.40 Pobol Y Cwm 7.00 MC 7.30 Glas Y Dorlan 8.00 Newid Ger 8.30 News 8.55 Ffinau 9.25 Smwcer 10.00 Golden Girls 10.30 Hysteria 2 12.30am Film: Foreign Correspondent' 2.45 Closedown.

RTE 1 *Starts: 12.25pm Nature of Things* 1.00 News 1.30 Carson's Law 2.25 Archives of Time 3.00 Live at Three 4.00 Sons and Daughters 4.30 Black Forest Clinic 5.15 Masterworks 5.30 Sullivans 6.00 The Angelus 6.01 Six-One 7.00 Play the Game *7.30 Head of the Class 7.55 Head to Toe* 8.30 Arts Express 9.00 News 9.30 Late Late Show 11.35 Film: Sweet As You Are 12.55am Closedown.

NETWORK 2 Starts: 9.00am Europace 10.00 Closedown 2.30 Bosco 3.00 *Magic Pencil 3.25 Willy Fog 3.55 Zoo Family* 4.30 Happy Birthday 4.35 Defenders of the Earth 5.00 Newsline 5.25 ALF 6.00 Jo-Maxi 6.30 Home and Away 7.00 Nuacht 7.08 Coronation Street 8.00 Frankenstein's Aunt 9.00 Coach 9.30 The *Mahabharata 11.25 Lou Grant 12.25am Closedown.*

RADIO 1

FM Stereo and MW
News on the half-hour from **5.30am** until **8.30pm**, then at **10.00pm**
5.00am Jakki Brambles **6.30** Simon Mayo **9.30** Simon Bates **12.30pm** Newsbeat **12.45** Gary Davies **3.00** Steve Wright **5.30** Newsbeat **5.45** Singled Out **7.00** Jeff Young **9.00** In Concert **10.00** The Friday Rock Show **12.00-2.00am** The Ranking Miss P

RADIO 2

FM Stereo and MW
News on the hour (except **8.00pm**)
Headlines **5.30pm, 6.30, 7.30, 8.30**
4.00am Steve Madden **5.30** Chris Stuart **7.30** Derek Jameson **9.30** Ken Bruce **11.00** Rosie Barnes **1.05pm** David Jacobs **2.00** Gloria Hunniford **3.30** Adrian Love **5.05** John Dunn **7.00** Bobby Howes **7.30** Friday Night is Music Night **8.45** Peter Dickinson at the piano **9.00** The Organist Entertains **10.00** The Golden Years with Alan Keith **10.30** Living with Betty **11.00** Nightcap **1.00am** Nightride **3.00-4.00** A Little Night Music

WORLD SERVICE

5.00am Morgenmagazin *5.35 News in German*: Headlines in English and French *5.47 Sports News 5.50 Book Choice* 5.55 Weather and Travel News 6.00 Newsdesk *6.30 Londres Matin* 7.00 World News 7.09 24 Hours: News Summary and Financial News 7.30 Khomeini's Children 8.00 World News 8.09 Words of Faith *8.15 Music Review* 9.00 World News 9.09 Review of the British Press *9.15 The World Today* 9.30 Financial News, Sports Roundup 9.45 Seven *Seas 10.01 Focus on Faith* 10.30 Best of Record 11.00 World News 11.09 *News About Britain* 11.15 The Learning World 11.30 Londres Midi 12.00 Newsreel 12.15pm Khomeini's Children 12.45 Sports Roundup 1.00 World News 1.09 24 Hours, News Summary and Financial News 1.30 John Peel 2.00 World News: Outlook 2.30 Off the Shelf: Tess of the D'Urbervilles 2.45 *Nature Now* 3.00 Newsreel 3.15 Music Review 4.00 World News 4.09 *News About Britain* 4.15 BBC English 4.30 Heute Aktuell 5.00 World News *5.09 Commentary* 5.15 The World Today 5.30 Londres Soir 6.14 News Headlines in English 6.15 BBC English 6.30 Heute Aktuell *7.54 Nachrichten* 8.00 World News 8.09 The World Today 8.25 Words of Faith *8.30 Science in Action* 9.01 Sports Roundup 9.15 A Taste of Soul 9.30 *People and Politics* 10.00 Newshour 11.00 World News 11.09 Commentary 11.15 Memorial 11.30 Multitrack 2 12.00 Newsdesk 12.30pm From the Weeklies 12.45 Recording of the Week 1.01 Outlook 1.25 Financial News 1.30 *Behind the Wall* 1.45 Book Choice 1.50 New Ideas 2.00 *World News 2.09* Review of the British Press 2.15 Network UK 2.30 People and Politics 3.00 World News 3.09 News About Britain 3.15 The World Today *3.30* The Britains Chart Show 4.00 Newsdesk 4.30 The World Today 4.45 Nachrichten und Presseschau

RADIO 3

6.55am Weather and News Headlines
7.00 Morning Concert: Mozart (*Adagio in C*: Heinz Holliger, cor anglais); Beethoven (An die ferne Geliebte, Op 98: Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau, baritone and Hartmut Höll, piano); Rameau (Prologue, Dardanus: English Baroque Soloists under John Eliot Gardiner)
7.30 News
7.35 Morning Concert (cont): Shostakovich (Three Violin Duos: Itzhak Perlman, *Pinchas Zukerman*, violins, Samuel Sanders, piano); Prokofiev (*Autumnal*, Op 8: LSO under Vladimir *Ashkenazy*); Tchaikovsky (The Seasons: Lydia *Artymiw*, piano); Wolf (Italian Serenade: Fitzwilliam Quartet); Suk (Fantastic Scherzo: Prague SO under Belohlavek)
8.30 News
8.35 Composers of the Week: Rossini. Overture, Semiramide (National PO under Riccardo Chailly); Il viaggio a Reims, finale (CO of Europe under Claudio Abbado; Prague Philharmonic Chorus); *Un* petit train de plaisir "Péchés de vieillesse, Vol 6" (Aldo Ciccolini, piano); L'ultimo ricordo "Péchés de vieillesse, Vol 1" (Marilyn Horne, mezzo-soprano, Martin Katz, piano)
9.35 Friday Sequence: Bach (Concerto in D minor, BWV 1052: CO of Europe under James Judd, with Jean-Louis Steuerman, piano); Telemann (Der Morgen "Die Tageszeiten": Solistenvereinigung und Kammerorchester, Berlin under Helmut Koch, Ingrid Czerny, soprano, Werner *Haupt, viola da gamba*); Handel (Sonata in B minor, Op 1 No 9: Wissam Boustany, flute, Stephen *Orton*, cello, Robert Aldwinckle, harpsichord); *Telemann (Der Mittag "Die Tageszeiten"*: Gertraud *Prenzlow, alto*); Handel (Flute Sonata in F, Op 1 No 11); *Telemann* (Der Abend "Die Tageszeiten": Gerhard *Unger, tenor*); Handel (Flute Sonata in A minor); *Telemann* (Die Nacht "Die Tageszeiten": Gunther Lieb, *baritone*); Bach (Concerto in F minor)
11.50 *BBC Philharmonic under* Odaline de la Martinez performs Villa-Lobos (The Discovery of Brazil, Suite No 1); Copland (Piano Concerto); Chavez (Caballos de vapor)
1.00pm News
1.05 *Chamber Music from* Manchester: Lindsay String Quartet performs Mozart (Quartet in B flat, K 458); Janáček (Quartet No 2)
2.05 Leighton and Hindemith: The pianist Erik Parkin performs Leighton (Five Studies, Op 22); Hindemith (Sonata No 3 in B flat); Leighton (Conflicts: Fantasy on Two Themes, Op 51) (r)
3.00 Chandos Baroque Players: A Scarlatti (Sonata *No 1 in* D; Cantata, Infirmata, vulnerata); Vivaldi (Concerto for recorder, oboe, two violins and continuo in C) (r)
3.30 Max Brand (1896-1980): Ensemble of the 20th Century under Peter Burwick with Claudia Eder, mezzo, performs Tragoedietta in five dances, 1922, Five Biblical Ballads, Eine Nachtmusik, 1922/31
4.20 Visitors to the Proms 1988: Leipzig Gewandhaus *Orchestra under Kurt Masur* with Bettina Denner, mezzo, Friedhelm Eberle, *narrator* performs Beethoven (*Incidental music, Egmont*; Symphony No 7 in A), incl *5.00 Interval Reading (r)*
5.45 The Harlem Juke Box: *Completing the story of the* Harlem juke box's golden age, *Donald Clarke* introduces records by Slim Gaillard, Count Basie, Jimmy Forest and Ike Quebec
6.15 The Works: You'll never work alone . . . Presented by David Owen Norris
7.05 Michael Craig Martin, sculptor, discusses his work with Andrew Graham Dixon
7.30 Goffredo Petrassi: BBC Singers and BBC Symphony Orchestra under Diego Masson perform a selection of the Italian composer's most outstanding choral and orchestral works. Concerto for orchestra No 5, 1955, Noche oscura, 1951, Coro di morti, 1941, Concerto for orchestra No 8, 1972, incl **8.30** Discussion of Petrassi's music between Pierluigi Petrobelli and Micha Donat
9.45 The Friday Play: Hadrian VII, by Peter Luke. Alec McCowen recreates the role of Hadrian which won him acclaim in the West End in 1968. Cast includes Eva Stuart, Eric Allan, Cyril Luckham and Margot Boyd (r)
11.30 Composers of the Week: Stanford. Piano Quartet No 1 in F, Op 15 Symphony No 7 (r)
12.30am News **12.35** Close

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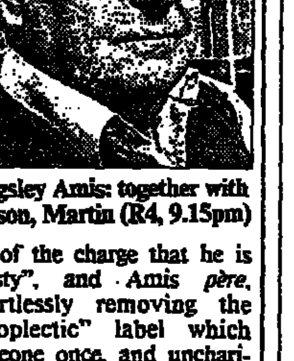
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5.55am Shipping Forecast **6.00** News Briefing; Weather **6.10** Farming Today **6.25** Prayer for the Day, with Dr John Bimson (s)
6.30 Today, with Peter Hobday and Sue MacGregor, incl **6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30** News **6.55, 7.55** Weather **8.35** Yesterday in Parliament **8.57** Weather
9.00 News
9.05 Desert Island Discs: Sue Lawley *with Lady Mosley* (s) (r)
9.45 Feedback: Chris Dunkley airs viewers' and listeners' comments on BBC programmes and policy
10.00 News; Special Assignment with BBC correspondents at home and abroad
10.30 Morning Story: Paradise Island, by John Mortimer. Read by Garard Green
10.45 Daily Service (s)
11.00 News; Analysis: A Holy Row. John Eidinow reports on the controversial debates currently raging in the *Church of England*, including women priests and unity with Rome (r)
11.47 Treasure Islands: Michael Rosen presents the children's book programme. *Reviewer Ruth McCarthy* and broadcaster and DJ Nicky Campbell with some ideas for Christmas presents from among this season's books
12.00 News; You and Yours with John Howard
12.25pm The Food Programme with Derek Cooper **12.55** Weather
1.00 The World at One with Nick Clarke
1.40 The Archers **1.55** Shipping Forecast
2.00 News; Woman's Hour: An examination of the Birmingham Church of Christ, a fundamentalist Christian organization; a feature on the effects of losing a twin, either during childhood or adulthood, and the bereavement felt by the survivor; a celebration of the seventieth anniversary of Nancy Astor taking her seat in Parliament; there is a fashion postcard from Toronto; and actresses Niamh Cusack and Jenna Redgrave talk about their positions as the latest members of an acting dynasty
3.00 News; Twenty Thousand Streets Under the Sky: Dramatization of Patrick Hamilton's classic story. Part 3: The Plains of Cement (s)
4.00 News
4.05 The Dead Hand: Last of five mysterious tales by Wilkie Collins, read by John Rowe
4.30 Kaleidoscope: John Warren reviews *The Good Person of Sichuan*, showing at the Olivier Theatre, London; a *review of The Other Story* exhibition at the Hayward Gallery, of Caribbean and Asian artists now resident in Great Britain; and Seamus Hosey reports on the European Theatre Convention (s) (r)
5.00 PM **5.50** Shipping Forecast **5.55** Weather
6.00 Six O'Clock News; Financial Report
6.30 Going Places: Clive Jacobs examines what's new in the world of transport
7.00 News **7.05** *The Archers*
7.20 Pick of the Week with *Margaret Howard (s)*
8.05 Any Questions? Jonathan Dimbleby in Peckham, London, with panellists Paul Boateng, MP; Rt Rev Dr Tom Butler, Bishop of Willesden; Pauline Perry, director of the South Bank Polytechnic; and John Patten, MP, Minister of State at the Home Office
8.50 Law in Action with Marcel Berlins
9.15 Kaleidoscope: Amis and Amis. Kingsley and Martin Amis talk to Paul Vaughan about their lives and their relationship (s) (see Choice)
9.45 Letter from America by Alistair Cooke **9.59** Weather
10.00 The World Tonight with Robin Lustig (s)
10.45 A Book at Bedtime: Close *Up on Death*, written and read by Maureen O'Brien (final part) (s)
11.00 Week Ending: Satirical review of the week's news (s)
11.25 The Financial Week with Vincent Duggleby
11.45 Today in Parliament
12.00-12.30am News, incl **12.20** Weather **12.33** Shipping Forecast
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11.00-12.00 For Schools **1.55** Listening Corner (s) **2.05-3.00pm** For Schools **5.50-5.55** PM (continued)

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RADIO CHOICE

Peter Davalle

● Two Amises, in one and the same edition of **Kaleidoscope** *(Radio 4, 9.15pm), could* be a good way of getting round the problem of having to decide *which* one to go for. Alternatively, it could be the out-*come of producer* Anthony Denselow's lightning-flash realization that there aren't that many writer-dads with writer-sons around. Either way, getting *Kingsley* and Martin together to talk about what unites and separates them makes for a novel and diverting literary double-act, with *Amis fils* amiably disposing of the charge that he is "nasty", and Amis *père*, effortlessly removing the "apoplectic" label which someone once, and uncharitably, pinned on him. I counted three areas in which they agree. Both write in the tradition of the English comic novel; both find P.G. Wodehouse too light and Arcadian; neither worries too much about putting over a moral message. *Amis fils* admires Bellow and Nabokov. Amis *père* can't stand Bellow, and thinks both Bellow and Nabokov write English as if it were a foreign language. "So did Conrad," *says* Amis *fils*. "Yes," retorts Amis *père*. "And look where *that* got him!"



Kingsley Amis: together with his son, Martin (R4, 9.15pm)

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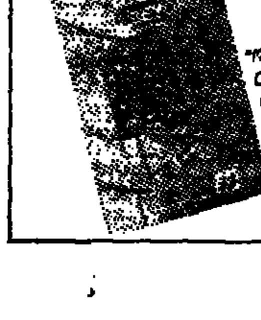
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Terror bomb kills West German banker



West German police searching for clues at the burnt-out limousine in Bad Homburg of Herr Herrhausen, below, who was killed by a terrorist bomb on the way to his bank headquarters.

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doned in a suburb of the city. The car, reported earlier to be a white Fiat Uno, had a forged Frankfurt number plate.

According to a spokesman for the Chief Public Prosecutor's office, it was "absolutely clear" the RAF had been responsible. Since 1971 more than 40 businessmen and politicians have been killed by the group or by the Baader-Meinhof Gang from which it was formed.

According to the latest report of the counter-intelligence office, the RAF still has about 20 dedicated supporters in the field ready to use extreme violence to try to destabilize West Germany and frighten the right wing into overthrowing democracy. The report says that a further 200 to 300 people are believed to be active supporters prepared to shelter and help assassination squads.

Herr Herrhausen knew he was a marked man. According to Herr Hesse zu Leiningun, chairman of the bank's French branch, West German anti-terrorist squad officers had issued a warning that an attack was likely at the end of this month. "For several weeks security has been tightened at the Frankfurt headquarters," he said.

Although the counter-intelligence report suggests that support for the RAF has been dwindling since 50 of its imprisoned supporters failed in a hunger strike last March to force the authorities to regard them as political prisoners, it has never cancelled advice to prominent businessmen to take maximum precautions against attack.

Last month one jailed member wrote to the authorities warning them that the RAF was preparing for "a new phase" in its struggle.

Herr Herrhausen's home in the quiet spa town was under permanent surveillance and his car was parked in a locked garage, where it was frequently checked. He was followed to work each morning by another vehicle with bodyguards.

The anti-terrorist squad is worried that an RAF member might have infiltrated the security service to place the bomb, but the fact the car followed the same route daily near Herr Herrhausen's house made it relatively easy to plant the device. The same technique was used in July, 1986, when the RAF killed Karl Heinz Beckurts, boss of Siemens, and his chauffeur with a car bomb.

Herr Herrhausen joined the bank in 1969 and became chief executive in May last year. He had a reputation as the embodiment of successful capitalism, which made him an obvious RAF target.

He was also supervisory board chairman of Daimler Benz, Continental tyres and the Philip Holzmann construction group. Recently he has been closely involved in talks about joint venture projects with Soviet bloc countries.



Political sketch

All the shades and hues of Ladies Day

We all know about *Man at C & A*, and most people have heard of Miss Selfridge. But who is Lady Asda? Her name was tossed into debate yesterday by Dame Janet Fookes. Could this be a bid by the popular supermarket chain to move up market?

If so, they have made a shrewd choice of spokeswoman in the Tory Dame who represents Plymouth, Drake. Dames at Westminster don't come more upmarket than Janet. Dame Peggy Fenner (who marched in, power-dressed in shocking pink blouse and black suede boots) bids fair for the title of Dame Dorothy Perkins; for Dame Jill Knight's sumptuous silk prints, the role of Lady Kensington High Street seems best; and Dame Elaine Kellett-Bowman, our favourite, is a Dame of the pantomime variety — Mother Goose perhaps.

But Janet Fookes trumps all dames. Her style is regal. It is hard to imagine her as a suffragette, or an *anything*-ette. So it was all the more surprising yesterday when she invited Mrs Thatcher to join her in a celebration of womens' rights.

Would Mrs Thatcher "take a little time", she asked the PM, "to reflect on two outstanding achievements: first, the 70th anniversary of Lady Asda" (was it?) "the member for Plymouth, taking her seat here as the first woman MP; secondly, on her own outstanding achievement as Britain's first woman Prime Minister?"

It only took Mrs Thatcher a *very* little time to reflect on these achievements, before deciding that this was "a marvellous day for women". So it was, and I apologize to the shade of Lady Astor for my impertinence.

Treasury Question Time had come first. Curiously, the absence of a classic political heavyweight on the Treasury bench is making these occasions easier for the Government. John Major is a harder target to hit. He appears to command his brief nimbly enough, but is not a *personage* and seems anxious to avoid becoming one. His team of juniors are young, numerate, doing their best to be boring, and succeeding magnificently.

So when Paul Boateng tried to raise the temperature he strayed dangerously close to *hamming it up*. As Mr Boateng rose at the Dispatch Box there was interest in how Labour's first black spokesman would perform. He started elegantly ("One appreciates the hon gentleman's difficulties..."), dismissed the Tory case as "political froth" and strode into a rising cadence on the theme of "*What can he offer?*": "What can he offer the suffering mortgage-payer..?" etc. The peroration was to be a great shout of "Let him come clean or get out!"

Had this been a Question to the Minister for War in a packed and tense Chamber after some devastating military reverse, it would have worked very well. As it was, the Chamber was half empty, the economy tottering along as usual, and the minister was the Economic Secretary, Mr Lilley. "Hear-hears" were not unmixed with giggles. Never mind! Which of our great actors has not overplayed a scene or two, on occasions?

Soon after this another of our great actors strode in: Ted Heath. Sketchwriters are relieved that the cameras are not permitted to record such scenes.

Dressed *almost* raffishly in light suit and pinkish tie with matching handkerchief, discreetly sun-tanned, his hair white as white silk, Ted stood at the front of the Chamber, and stared. He was staring at the bench below the gangway, traditional roost of ex-Prime Ministers and his habitual — his only — perch. It was full.

Horrors! Why? Because Nicholas Budgen (Wolverhampton SW) had abandoned *his* usual place (the back) for a chat with those at the front. Mr Budgen is very far from Mr Heath on the political spectrum. Ted's stare turned to glare.

Bottoms shifted uneasily in awkward attempts to make a space where space there was none. Eventually a small space was created. Ted remained standing. Glare turned to glower.

Mr Budgen got up and left. Bottoms hopped back along the green leather in relieved little shuffles. The space grew. Ted sat in it. Questions proceeded.

Matthew Parris

Gorbachov in Rome

Call for 1990 summit

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ter-dependent" and "accessible borders open to the exchange of products, technologies, ideas, and wide-ranging contacts between people", but he stopped short of approving completely open borders.

Earlier, Mr Gorbachov's visit to Italy had taken a dramatic turn when his Foreign Minister, Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, had an hour's talk with the former King of Afghanistan, King Zahir Shah.

Mr Shevardnadze was quoted as saying the talks had covered an Afghan settlement and had been very interesting and useful. The possible return to Afghanistan of the King, who was ousted by his cousin in 1973, was mooted last year as Moscow sought to establish a leader who would be acceptable to all Afghans.

Disagreement about the dangers of German reunification, which emerged on the first day of talks, surfaced again yesterday when the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Gianni De Michelis, criticized Soviet worries about German "revanchism" as belonging in the past.

Meanwhile, in Prague, Mr Zdenek Mlynar, Mr Alexander Dubcek's close aid in the ill-fated 1968 Prague Spring, appeared on television last night in the first broadcast reappraisal of those events. It was seen by both opposition figures and Communists as crucial. Only once 1968 is reappraised can the Communist hierarchy be deposed, reformists argue.

Negotiations between Mr Ladislav Adamec, the Prime Minister, and Civil Forum continued to be deadlocked on the issue of President Husak. Civil Forum has issued an ultimatum demanding Mr Husak's resignation by December 10. In his place the Forum would like to see the playwright, Mr Vaclav Havel.

East Germany, meanwhile, expressed regret for its part in the 1968 invasion. Herr Wolfgang Meyer, the Government spokesman, stopped short of a formal apology, saying the intervention was a joint decision of Warsaw Pact government leaders and could have been reversed only by common agreement.

Meanwhile, the Czech Government has said it will dismantle the "Iron Curtain" on its border with Austria.

Government made secret concessions over Rover

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of "resign', Mr Ridley defended the concessions and said the Government had taken the view that every item was consistent with the terms laid down by the European Commission and that disclosure to the Commission was therefore not necessary.

In his statement Mr Ridley, whose predecessor, Lord Young of Graffham, was Secretary of State for Trade and Industry when the deal was agreed, outlined four concessions to BAe.

They were a grant of £9.5 million to buy out a small private shareholding in Rover, another £1.5 million for Rover's privatization costs, a waiver of a £5 million contribution by BAe towards the EC Columbus polar space platform programme, and a delay until March 31, 1990 for payment of the £150 million purchase price.

Mr Ridley did not confirm that BAe would save £22 million in financing costs by the delayed payment.

He told MPs that that additional arrangements were made after the EC had approved a cash injection of £469 million to cover Rover's debt and £78 million in support of a future investment programme in assisted areas. But Rover had "made it clear that a deal could not be struck on this basis".

Mr Gordon Brown, the Shadow trade secretary, said the Government had been interested in privatizing Rover at any price or cost instead of securing the national interest. The real reason the Government had asked for details of the sale to be kept confidential was not the commercial one, but the party political embarrassment that revelations of the subsidies would bring.

Although most Conservative backbench MPs rallied to support Mr Ridley, Mr Kenneth Warren, Tory chairman of the trade and industry select committee, criticized the failure of the Government to supply it with the memorandum when the committee carried out an inquiry into the takeover.

To Labour cheers, he added: "I do think the whole negotiations could have been handled by your department better and in a much more professional manner."

Police chief may move

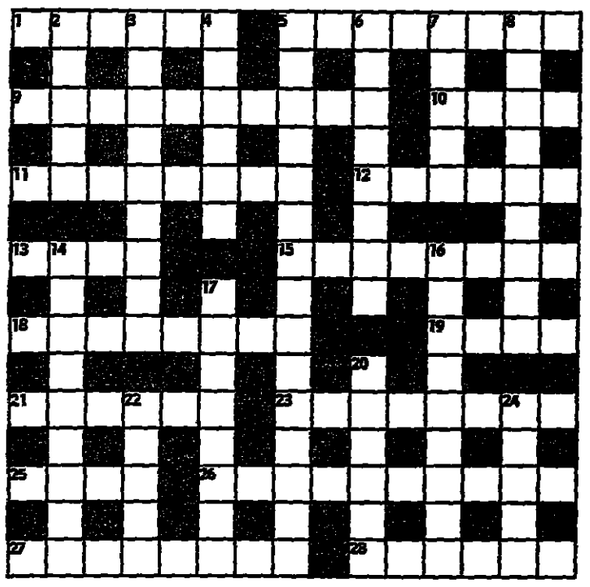
By Craig Seton

Mr Geoffrey Dear, the Chief Constable of West Midlands police, was last night being linked with key changes impending in the Inspectorate of Constabulary.

West Midlands police last night refused to confirm or deny a report that Mr Dear, aged 52, now in charge of inquiries into alleged police corruption, was about to leave the force to become Inspector of Constabulary for the Midlands and South Wales.

But it is understood that the appointment by the Home Office, which would amount to a promotion, is likely to take effect in the New Year.

THE TIMES CROSSWORD PUZZLE NO 18,154



ACROSS

1 Leaders of sacrificial ceremony before horse venerated in old Egypt (6).
5 Introduce motion for quick acceptance of return of thanks (8).
9 Security pass former gunners left behind (10).
10 A drink partners imbibe at home (4).
11 Steriliser for farm butter, possibly (5-3).
12 Revolutionary requiring bread confronting monarch (6).
13 Fabulous creature — it returns to pursue the old (4).
15 Protector for Hazel could be in here briefly (8).
18 No end of life in the early cinema (8).
19 Set free but bound over for a period (4).
21 Soldier having inclination to withdraw (6).
23 Eggs authority first to back ducks register (8).
25 Close the bar (4).
26 Well below the surface like Neptune? (4-6).
27 Plant border nasturtiums initially to create restful surroundings . . . (3-5).
28 . . . and rest is ordered for hospital attendant (6).

DOWN

2 Many reluctant to become clergy (5).
3 Take-over action putting an end to investment (9).
4 Chance wager on side losing opener (6).
5 Ebb tide of no great significance? (1,4,2,3,5).
6 Suffer, sad to relate (8).
7 It might be a pledge to the Spanish (5).
8 Royal mistress outwardly adjusted, but bored (9).
14 Enter organisation supporting *heroic* work of earth-shaking significance (9).
16 A gritty old-timer (4-5).
17 Perhaps a mammoth fuss in mother's name (8).
20 Catches group parking inside (6).
22 Stagger from attraction out East (5).
24 Root out weeds (5).

Solution to Puzzle No 18,153

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WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

GALLIC CHARMS

FOUR
a. A birdy at golf
b. A flop
c. A triumph

RAFFUT
a. Tittle-tattle
b. Quite worthless
c. A din

CRESSON
a. Hair
b. A brassière
c. An idle layabout

RÉBECCA
a. A punch-up
b. A pretty girl
c. An upper cut at boxing

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WEATHER

Another dry day is in store for much of the country after a frosty and foggy start. Eastern Scotland and north-east England will be rather cloudy and there may be light showers. East Anglia and the south-east should stay dry, with sunny periods after fog patches clear. Wales and the rest of England will have a sunny day. Northern Ireland and the rest of Scotland will be dry with sunny periods. Outlook: little change.

ABROAD

MIDDAY: t=thunder; d=drizzle; lg=fog; s=sun; sl=sleet; sn=snow; f=fair; c=cloud; r=rain

	C	F			C	F	
Alaccio	16	61	f	Majorca	18	64	c
Alcantil	16	61	c	Malaga	19	66	f
Alex'dria	17	63	c	Malta	15	59	r
Algiers	21	70	f	Malt'ros	-	-	-
Amst'dm	1	34	s	Mexico C*	16	61	s
Athens	7	45	f	Miami*	24	75	r
Bahrain	25	77	s	Milan	0	32	c
Barbados*	25	77	r	Montreal*	-14	7	s
Barcelna	16	61	r	Moscow	-7	19	c
Belgrade	0	32	s	Munich	1	34	s
Berlin	0	32	lg	Nairobi	19	66	f
Bermuda*	-	-	-	Naples	11	52	s
Biarritz	13	55	f	N Delhi	22	72	s
Borda'x	14	57	f	N York*	0	32	s
Brussels	-5	23	sn	Nice	13	55	s
Budapst	-2	28	s	Oslo	-1	30	s
B Aires*	27	81	s	Paris	1	34	s
Cairo	18	64	f	Peking	10	50	s
Cape Tn	30	86	s	Perth	23	73	s
C'blanca	19	66	s	Prague	-7	19	lg
Chicago*	-4	25	c	Reykjvik	3	37	c
Ch'church	18	64	f	Rhodes	9	48	s
Cologne	3	37	s	Rio de J	28	79	c
C'penhn	0	32	lg	Riyadh	25	77	s
Corfu	13	55	s	Rome	11	52	s
Dublin	8	46	s	Salzburg	4	39	s
Dubrovnik	11	52	s	S F'risco*	11	52	s
Faro	17	63	f	Santiago*	25	77	s
Florence	11	52	s	S Paulo*	21	70	c
Frankfurt	0	32	s	Seoul	1	34	s
Funchal	19	66	f	Sing'por	-	-	-
Geneva	1	34	c	St'kholm	1	34	s
Gibraltar	16	61	c	Strasb'rg	-3	27	c
Helsinki	1	34	c	Sydney	-	-	-
Hong K	19	66	s	Tangier	17	63	c
Innsbruck	2	36	s	Tel Aviv	20	68	c
Istanbul	3	37	f	Tenerife	22	72	f
Jeddah	31	88	f	Tokyo	13	55	s
Jo'burg*	23	73	s	Toronto*	-4	25	f
Karachi	-	-	-	Tunis	19	66	s
L Palmas	21	70	c	Valencia	15	59	c
Le Touqt	12	54	f	Vanc'ver*	7	45	c
Lisbon	13	55	c	Venice	5	41	s
Locarno	4	39	s	Vienna	-3	27	s
L Angels*	21	70	s	Warsaw	-2	28	c
Luxembg	1	34	s	Wash'ton*	4	39	f
Luxor	22	82	s	Wel'ton	19	66	s
Madrid	14	57	f	Zurich	-2	28	lg

*denotes Wednesday's figures

AROUND BRITAIN

	Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro		-	8	46	cloudy
Hunstanton	5.8	-	9	48	sunny
Cromer	6.8	-	9	48	sunny
Lowestoft	5.3	-	8	46	sunny
Margate	8.0	-	8	46	sunny
Folkestone	7.8	-	8	46	sunny
Hastings	7.6	-	8	46	sunny
Eastbourne	7.1	-	8	46	sunny
Brighton	7.4	-	7	45	sunny
Bognor R	7.5	-	7	45	sunny
Southsea	7.6	-	7	45	sunny
Sandown	6.7	-	8	46	sunny
Bournemth	6.6	-	9	48	sunny
Swanage	6.8	-	8	46	sunny
Weymouth	6.3	-	8	46	sunny
Exmouth	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Torquay	3.3	-	10	50	bright
Falmouth	5.6	-	11	52	sunny
Penzance	3.8	-	11	52	bright
Scilly Isles	0.8	-	10	50	cloudy
St. Ives	3.7	-	11	52	sunny
Newquay	5.0	-	11	52	bright
Hlfracombe	-	-	7	45	sunny
Minehead	6.1	-	7	45	sunny
Morecambe	5.7	-	8	46	sunny
Douglas	0.8	-	8	46	bright
Aspatria	2.8	-	7	45	sunny
Buxton	5.9	-	5	41	sunny
Leeds	5.1	-	9	48	sunny
Nottingham	6.9	-	9	48	sunny
Anglesey	6.3	-	10	50	sunny
Colwyn Bay	6.0	-	8	46	sunny
Tenby	4.2	-	8	46	bright
Aberdeen	0.1	-	4	39	cloudy
Aviemore	5.3	-	5	41	sunny
Eskdalemuir	-	-	5	41	cloudy
Kinloss	0.4	-	5	41	cloudy
Lerwick	3.2	.02	3	48	bright
Stornoway	4.7	-	7	45	bright
Tiree	-	-	8	46	cloudy
Wick	2.8	-	6	43	drizzle

These are Wednesday's figures

LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 09C (48F); min 6 pm to 6 am,01C (34F). Humidity: 5 pm, 86 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 7.1 hrs. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,030.9 millibars, rising. 1,000 millibars=29.53in.

HIGHEST & LOWEST

Wednesday: Highest day temp: Cuidrose, and Penzance, Cornwall, 11C (52F); Lowest day max: Aberdeen, 04C (39F) highest rainfall: Lerwick, Shetland, 0.02 inhighest sunshine: Margate, Kent, 8.0 hr.

MANCHESTER

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 08C (46F); min 6 pm to 6 am,-03C (27F). Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 2.3 hrs.

GLASGOW

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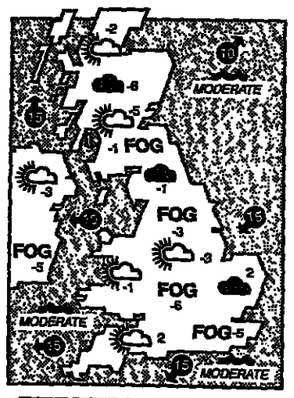
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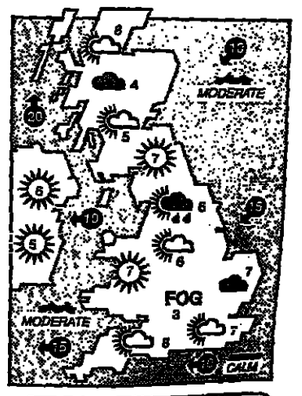
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Beds,Herts & Essex 707
Norfolk,Suffolk,Cambs 708
West Mid & Sth Glam & Gwent 709
Shrops,Herefds & Worcs 710
Central Midlands 711
East Midlands 712
Lincs & Humberside 713
Dyfed & Powys 714
Gwynedd & Clwyd 715
N W England 716
W & S Yorks & Dales 717
N E England 718
Cumbria & Lake District 719
S W Scotland 720
W Central Scotland 721
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E Central Scotland 723
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N W Scotland 725
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PM



LIGHTING-UP TIME

London 3.55 pm to 7.45 am
Bristol 4.05 pm to 7.55 am
Edinburgh 3.44 pm to 8.21 am
Manchester 3.54 pm to 8.03 am
Penzance 4.23 pm to 8.01 am

Sun rises: 7.44 am
Sun sets: 3.55 pm
Moon rises 10.50 am
Moon sets 8.12 pm
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YESTERDAY

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

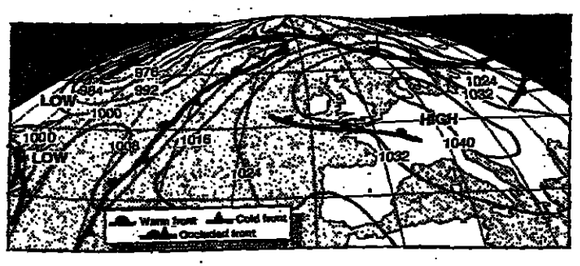
	C	F		C	F
Belfast	8	46s	Guernsey	6	43s
B'ringham	4	39r	Inverness	2	36s
Blackpool	5	41c	Jersey	5	41s
Bristol	2	36s	London	8	46s
Cardiff	5	41s	M'chester	5	41c
Edinburgh	5	41c	Newcastle	6	43s
Glasgow	0	32s	R'aldsway	8	46s

HIGH TIDES

TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT	TODAY	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.05	6.8	3.31	6.9	Liverpool	12.21	8.6	12.36	8.9
Aberdeen	2.47	3.9	2.46	4.1	Lowestoft	10.58	2.3	11.00	2.5
Avonmouth	8.37	12.0	8.54	11.8	Margate	1.10	4.6	1.34	4.8
Belfast	12.15	3.1	12.31	3.3	Milford Haven	7.35	6.5	7.57	6.3
Cardiff	8.22	11.2	8.39	11.0	Newquay	6.28	6.6	6.48	6.3
Devonport	7.07	5.3	7.25	5.0	Oban	7.04	3.9	7.12	3.8
Dover	12.07	5.3	12.18	5.2	Penzance	6.08	5.4	6.28	5.1
Falmouth	6.37	5.1	6.55	4.8	Portland	8.17	2.1	8.40	1.8
Glasgow	1.57	4.5	2.10	4.7	Portsmouth	12.45	4.3	12.51	4.3
Harwich	12.56	3.8	1.20	3.7	Shoreham	12.21	5.8	12.29	5.8
Holyhead	11.44	5.4	---	---	Southampton	12.10	4.3	12.15	4.3
Hull	7.45	6.8	7.52	6.9	Swansea	7.42	8.9	7.59	8.6
Ilfracombe	7.17	6.7	7.34	6.4	Tees	5.06	5.0	5.12	5.2
King's Lynn	7.50	5.0	7.56	5.3	Wilton-on-Hull	12.49	4.0	1.14	3.9
Leith	4.02	5.2	4.13	5.2					

Tide in metres: 1m=3.28ft. Times are GMT

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THE POUND

US dollar
1.5690 (+0.0010)

W German mark
2.7944 (+0.0026)

Exchange Index
86.4 (+0.4)

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share
1805.6 (+23.9)

FT-SE 100
2276.8 (+21.2)

USM (Datastream)
149.72 (+0.01)

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BPB seeks EC action after £30m blow

By Martin Waller

BPB Industries, whose domination of the British plasterboard market is under increasing threat, is believed to have sought the help of the European Commission in Brussels in an attempt to have its new competitors fined for dumping.

A successful prosecution under the EC laws would be an *ironic* victory for BPB.

Last December, it was fined £2.1 *million* last December by the Commission for illegal monopoly practices in Britain and *Ireland.BPB yesterday revealed* the cost of the depressed construction market, the price war it is waging on the Continent and a *similar* battle to retain its British market share.

Pre-tax profits were down from £104.1 million to £74.6 million in the six months to end-September. But as a sign of confidence in the future, it is increasing the dividend *from 3.75p to 4p.*

British sales of plasterboard were down by 15 per cent in the first *half, said Mr Alan Turner*, the chairman and chief executive. "If the interest rate stays about where it is, volumes will still drift down."

Mr Turner refused to comment on suggestions that he has complained to the EC about the behaviour of Redland, the British tile manufacturer, and Knauf, the private German group, although he conceded BPB is "considering *action against importers.*"

But his complaint, now being considered by Brussels, is thought to relate to the importation of plasterboard from Norway into Scotland, where BPB is weakest. He said BPB believes its new competitors are selling below cost.

But Mr Gerald Corbett, Redland finance director, said: "We're not dumping. We are at a similar price *level to BPB — we don't have to cut* prices because everyone wants a second source of supply."

BPB shares rose by 8p to 218p as a storm broke out over an alleged "false market" in them this week, when the *Office of Fair Trading* announced it is referring the plasterboard industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission with a report due in July next year.

The report was not offered to the Stock Exchange, though the information was price-sensitive.

Analysts were baffled as to why the BPB share price slid a few pence on what was apparently good news, given the present pricing structure in the industry which restricts BPB's competitiveness. An *OFT spokesman said* although the four big players in the market were told of the decision early, the Stock Exchange would not formally be informed of an inquiry into an entire industry. "We've no such procedure. We never have. We've no intention of setting one up," he added.

A Stock Exchange spokeswoman confirmed that it did not have any jurisdiction over the OFT as the latter is not a quoted company.

Ferranti sues for return of lost $198m

By Angela Mackay

Subsidiaries of Ferranti International yesterday issued writs against Mr James Guerin, the company's former deputy chairman and founder of International Signal & Control, three other men and five companies to try and recoup part of the £215 million lost through fraud.

ISC Technologies and ISC London, the joint plaintiffs, which came under Ferranti's control when the British defence and electronics group merged with Mr Guerin's ISC *in 1987*, are accusing Mr Guerin of breaching his fiduciary duty and knowingly *participating in a dishonest* scheme to abstract sums from the parent company, among *other charges.*

The plaintiffs are asking for a total of $198.5 million. The four individuals accused and the companies were asked "to account for, or to restore and repay" $198.5 million.

The three other men named in the writ are all former ISC employees. Mr Robert Shireman was finance director at ISC, Mr Lawrence Resch was once a marketing executive, while Mr Wayne Radcliffe was a vice-president. Mr Resch also worked for the now-defunct United Chem-Con, a company partly owned by Mr Guerin, where several employees, including Mr Shireman's ex-wife, were convicted of fraud.

The five companies, all incorporated and now dissolved in Panama, are Sestri Associated, Technology Associates International, Elverton, Navarino Development Corp and Lerwich Holdings. A Ferranti spokesman said dissolved companies may still be sued under Panamanian law.

The writ follows a lengthy inquiry by the company based on a report by Coopers & Lybrand, the auditor, which uncovered a complicated paper chain that siphoned-off a net $230 million from ISC through fake defence contracts.

The Serious Fraud Office and *US authorities* such as the FBI are still investigating the alleged fraud and may launch criminal proceedings soon. Ferranti said this is the first civil writ to surface "and not necessarily the last."

Mr Guerin, through his lawyer, has denied any wrong doing. None of the other defendants could be reached for comment. Yesterday Ferranti also sacked Mr Clyde Ivy, a former main board member and Mr Carl Dreyer, a long-time associate of Mr Guerin. Both men were based at ISC's head office in Lancaster, Pennsylvania.

Mr Ivy resigned with Mr Guerin from the main board in May and the two planned to buy back some small ISC businesses from Ferranti and set up on their own. This came to nought and Mr Guerin dropped out of sight while Mr Ivy settled in Lancaster with no specific duties.

Mr Dreyer, a vice president of Ferranti International, worked with Mr Guerin more than 20 years ago at the defence arm of Hamilton Watch and came to work for him when he established ISC in 1971.

About 25 ISC employees have been sacked this week *while two former ISC board* members, Mr Joseph Zilligen, also a member of Ferranti's *main board,' and Sir David* Checketts resigned last week.

However, defence and electronics industry analysts last night were sceptical about the recovery of the money, particularly from the dissolved Panamanian companies.

Return to the House — by private car

MARK ASPLAND



Rover's return: Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for Trade and Industry, climbing into his ministerial Rover before making a statement to the Commons on the sale of the car company to BAe. Comment, page 27; background, page 29.

Pound and shares gain ground

By Rodney Lord and Nicholas Wood

The Bundesbank's decision *not to raise interest rates in* West Germany, and the defence of his policy in the *House of Commons by Mr* John Major, the Chancellor, helped support the pound and *boost share prices.*

By the close of trading in London, sterling was 0.26 pfennigs higher against the mark at DM2.7944, having been more than a pfennig higher at one stage. Against the dollar, it was 0.1 cents higher at $1.5690. The effective exchange rate index closed up 0.4 at 86.4.

Share prices responded in a thin market to the Bundesbank's decision and the FT-SE 100 *index closed up* 21.2 points at 2,276.8.

In the Commons, Treasury ministers hit back at criticism. Government policy on the value of the pound was a "very sensitive subject" and it was "absurd and irresponsible" for Labour to press for further clarification, said Mr Norman Lamont, Chief Secretary to the Treasury.

Mr Major said he would continue to "take account of" the exchange rate together with other monetary indicators when setting interest rates. Mr Major's remarks followed a newspaper interview in which he said he did *not believe that he should look* at the exchange rate in a "mechanistic way", while *making clear he was prepared* to raise base rates above 15 per cent if needed.

Meanwhile, Mr John Smith, the Opposition's chief Treasury spokesman, hit at the Government's sensitivity over sterling policy in a speech to City bankers.

He said the Chancellor was bowing to the wishes of Sir Alan Walters, the Prime Minister's former economic adviser, and called for British membership of the exchange rate mechanism of the European Monetary System. However, Labour had "major reservations" about the later stages of the Delors plan.

Latest weekly figures on notes in circulation suggest the money supply narrowly defined *M0 is continuing* to grow at about 5 per cent.

In West Germany, the federal statistics office announced a slowdown in the rise of the cost of living from 3.2 per cent to 3 per cent during November. And in the US, personal income rose 0.7 per cent in October after adjusting for the effect of the San Francisco earthquake and Hurricane Hugo.

Bank offer 'still on'

Morgan Grenfell, the merchant bank, has said the £950 million agreed offer from Deutsche Bank will go ahead despite the assassination of Herr Alfred Herrhausen, the chief executive of Deutsche.

Herr Herrhausen was known to be one of the main forces behind the bid, although he was fully supported by the other 11 members of the bank's management board. He was due to become the deputy chairman of Morgan if the bid succeeded.

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Gold drops

The London gold price ran into further profit-taking and, under pressure of overnight losses in New York and Asian selling, was fixed yesterday afternoon at $408.15 an ounce. At one point, gold traded at $404.50 in the Far East, but there was late interest in London and the price rose to $410 an ounce, a $2.25 fall on the day. Other precious metals followed suit.

STOCK MARKETS

New York:
Dow Jones ..... 2701.37 (+12.58)*
Tokyo:
Nikkei Average 37268.79 (+247.33)
Hong Kong:
Hang Seng ..... 2748.35 (-3.13)
Amsterdam:
CBS Tendency ..... 183.6 (+0.9)
Sydney: AO ..... 1611.6 (+4.1)
Frankfurt: DAX ... 1577.43 (+15.16)
Brussels:
General ..... 6528.76 (-33.97)
Paris: CAC ..... 525.2 (+1.6)
Zurich: SKA Gen ..... 623.8 (+3.3)
London:
FT-A All-Share ... 1138.67 (+8.45)
FT-SE 100 ..... 1241.05 (+11.52)
FT. Gold Mines ..... 280.5 (-6.4)
FT. Fixed Interest ..... 92.38 (-0.01)
FT. Govt Secs ..... 83.05 (-0.09)

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MAIN PRICE CHANGES

RISES:
Allied-Lyons ..... 485p (+12p)*
Guinness ..... 626½p (+23p)
Body Shop ..... 496½p (+25p)
Hambros ..... 285p (+16p)
AMEC ..... 391½p (+15p)
MJ Gleeson ..... 897½p (+10p)
RMC Group ..... 640½p (+12p)
Boosey & Hawkes ..... 435p (+10p)
BAT ..... 808½p (+11p)
Cadbury ..... 354p (+15p)
United Biscuits ..... 359½p (+10p)
BICC ..... 440p (+11p)
Racal Electronics ..... 250p (+10p)
More O'Ferrall ..... 382½p (+15p)
Assoc Brit Ports ..... 587½p (+17p)
Caledonia ..... 349½p (+13p)

FALLS:
Nu-Swift ..... 482½p (-37p)
Rosehaugh ..... 481½p (-12p)
J Cropper ..... 145p (-10p)
Saatchi ..... 284p (-11p)
Closing prices
Bargains 25307
SEAQ Volume 429.3m

INTEREST RATES

London: Bank Base: 15%
3-month interbank 15¼-15⅜%
3-month eligible bills:14²¹₃₂-14⅝%
US: Prime Rate 10½%
Federal Funds 8¼%*
3-month Treasury Bills 7.61-7.60%*
30-year bonds 102¹⁰₃₂-102½*

CURRENCIES

London:	New York:
£: $1.5690	£: $1.5700*
£: DM2.7944	$: DM1.7798*
£: SwFr2.4955	$: SwFr1.5907*
£: FFr9.5317	$: FFr6.0710*
£: Yen223.89	$: Yen142.90*
£: Index:86.4	$: Index:68.9
ECU £0.727478	SDR £0.823849
£: ECU1.374612	£: SDR1.213814

GOLD

London Fixing:
AM $406.80 pm-$408.15
close $409.75-410.25 (£260.75-261.25)
New York:
Comex $411.70-412.20*

NORTH SEA OIL

Brent (Jan) ... $18.35 bbl ($18.20)
* Denotes latest trading price

TOURIST RATES

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	2.055	1.925
Austria Sch	20.65	19.35
Belgium Fr	61.90	58.00
Canada $	1.908	1.788
Denmark Kr	11.31	10.71
Finland Mkk	8.51	8.51
France Fr	9.56	9.26
Germany Dm	2.92	2.75
Greece Dr	277.50	252.50
Hong Kong $	12.89	11.99
Iceland Pt	1.115	1.045
Italy Lira	2160	2030
Japan Yen	239	223
Netherlands Gld	3.305	3.105
Norway Kr	11.18	10.52
Portugal Esc	258	240
South Africa Rd	4.30	3.90
Spain Pta	188	178
Sweden Kr	10.46	9.86
Switzerland Fr	2.61	2.45
Turkey Lira	4135	3535
USA $	1.65	1.55
Yugoslavia Dnr	rates	95000

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 117.5 (October)

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Broker list taps water investment

By Graham Searjeant

The Stock Exchange has published a list of 61 stockbrokers willing to act for investors wanting to deal in water shares who may not already have a broker*. It covers big firms providing dealing services through 6,500 high street outlets and smaller local brokers.

And all have said their commission rates will be "competitive".

Phased settlement dates have been set outside the normal Stock Exchange accounts over the Christmas period for deals to be cleared through the computerized Talisman system.

Small deals will be aggregated, normal reporting arrangements for deals will be relaxed and bargains for up to 10,000 shares can be made through the new computerized dealing system.

Investors are warned that proof of ownership will normally be needed before dealing. And there could be order delays.

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MEPC shakes off property gloom

By Colin Campbell

MEPC, Britain's second largest property group, comfortably bucked the gloom of the property market in its year to end-September, and despite nervousness over high interest rates says prospects are "promising".

Net asset value at MEPC was 881p a share by the close of the year to end-September, *against* 727p last year. In that period, pre-tax profits rose to £127.5 million (£104.8 million). The final dividend rises from 11p to 12.25p a share, payable January 18, making 17p (14.5p) for the year. The shares rose 3p to 508p.

Sir Christopher Benson, the chairman, and Mr James Tuckey, managing director, said the cost of MEPC's worldwide development programme is £1.4 billion, of which £1.3 billion is in Britain.



Tuckey: £1.4bn programme

MEPC's property assets are worth nearly £4 billion. The level of voids was less than 1 per cent of gross rental income at year-end.

MEPC says City properties — accounting for 20.9 per cent of the portfolio — continue to be upgraded. There is still demand for prime office accommodation in the West End.

MEPC's objective remains to increase the proportion of the group's assets overseas, and further opportunities in foreign markets are being sought. The group has a cash pile of more than Aus$300 million (£150 million), generated from asset sales in Australia, which will be redeployed there when opportunities arise.

The balance sheet remains strong, with net gearing at 32 per cent, and only 8 per cent of debt on variable rates of interest.

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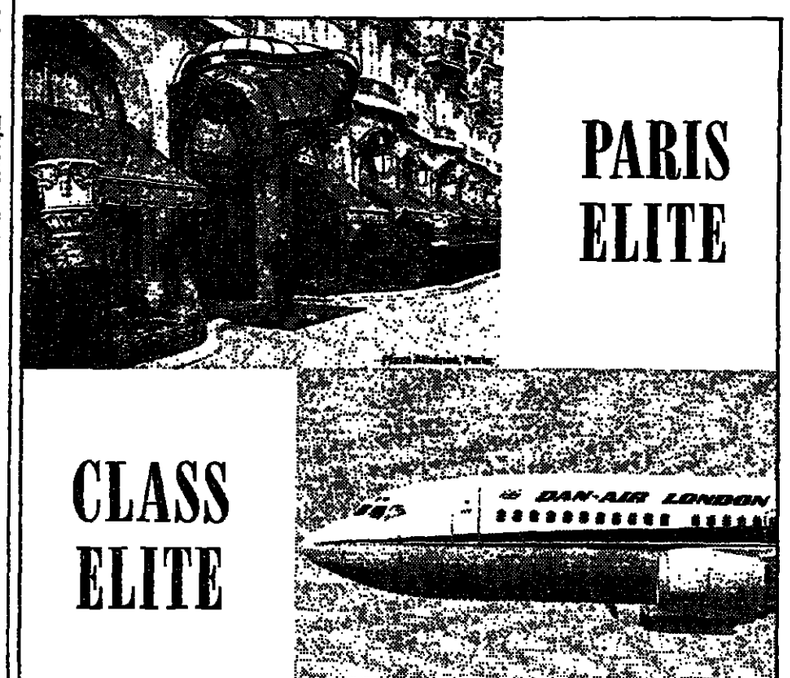
RBS makes £108m debt provision

The Royal Bank of Scotland has paved the way to write off its Third World lending by making provisions of £108 million.

Together with those made in 1987, it has now covered three-quarters of the $404 million (£258 million) loans.

But the provisions sent the bank's pre-tax profits for the year to end-September down 26 per cent to £228 million. Operating profits, however, rose 10 per cent to £307 million, helped by a £10.6 million compensation payment to Charterhouse, its merchant banking subsidiary, by Guinness which it agreed to pay after an investigation into its takeover of Distillers in 1986.

The final dividend is 4.8p (3.9p), making 7.2p total, up 20 per cent. Tempus, page 26



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Privatization stands to lose environment-friendly investors

Green trust goes cold on water shares

By Jon Ashworth

The Merlin International Green Investment Trust, a newly-launched environment-friendly investment trust which goes on offer to the public this weekend, has gone cold on water shares.

The trust, *claimed to be the first of its* kind, will invest in companies helping the environment. It will be competing with the sale of the water companies for small shareholders' money, and is looking for £12.5 million from private investors.

Mr Derek Childs, who is managing the *trust for* Jupiter Tarbutt Merlin, said: "We are not planning to invest in the water issue. Our emphasis is on the longer *term, and we are not planning to* rush into any investments."

Mrs Tessa Ternant, head of the Merlin environmental research department, said: "The water authorities have been under-resourced and are still very limited. We will be watching how they develop, but are taking a long-term view. It's not as if we are desperate to invest in water."

Analysts have predicted that the water offer will find great favour with green investors. In a recent report, Shearson Lehman Hutton said a strong demand from ethical funds was likely, once the Government took over the job of setting water standards from the old water authorities.

The Trust, called *MIGIT* for short, is small by investment trust standards. It has pre-placed £22.8 million with institutions as well as the Church, which has invested more than £1 million. It hopes to take in another £12.5 million from smaller investors by the time the offer closes on December 14.

Environmentally-friendly British companies, such as Body Shop, Tesco and the Calor Group, will make up less than a third of the final portfolio. US companies will make up 35 per cent, with 25 per cent in Europe and 10 per cent in the Far East.

Surprisingly, companies which deal in mining, chemicals, oil and gas may be green enough to fit the bill. The key, managers say, is whether or not they are taking steps to cut down on pollution and improve their own standards.

The minimum investment in the trust is £250, ranking it firmly alongside the water issue in the minds of smaller investors. Dealings are due to commence on December 21.

The offer is underwritten by SG Warburg Securities. The board of *MIGIT includes Mr David Astor*, chairman of the Council for the Preservation of Rural England, Mr Michael Heathcoat Amory, managing director of Jupiter Tarbutt Merlin, and the Very Rev John Simpson, Dean of Canterbury.

TEMPUS

Battle-scarred BPB sees shares rise

There is nothing like a vicious price war in a collapsing market to separate the men from the boys, as BPB Industries is now finding. Add to that the continuing cost of a hefty capital investment programme and it is perhaps no surprise that profits, down from £104.1 million to £74.6 million in the first half, had the share price marked up 8p to 218p in relief.

Admittedly, stock market conditions this week could not be much weirder for BPB, whose share price had already been bouncing erratically over the past few months on endless bid rumours. The poorly-circulated decision by the OFT to refer the plasterboard industry to the MMC – on the face of it good news for the company as it could presage a relaxation of its pricing policies – saw the price marked sharply back.

The bad news from BPB consisted of British plasterboard sales down 15 per cent since the start of the financial year, with prices off 10 per cent over the past 12 months. BPB's market share here has now slipped from its near-monopoly position 18 months ago to about 80 per cent under the onslaught of competition from Redland and Knauf, both now with their own plants in this country.

Meanwhile, in Germany, a price war initiated by BPB itself – it has about 40 per cent of the market – has seen prices off by more than 15 per cent since last autumn.

The smart money says all the parties will see sense and stop slogging it out, settling down with their existing market shares. BPB is next week flying a group of analysts out to see its Scholven works in West Germany, which operates on the lowest cost base in Europe, and may reveal more of its plans then.

For now, continuing weakness in the British construction market is likely to trim full-year pre-tax profits to £150 million, down from £202 million, leaving the shares changing hands at 8.8 times future earnings. Despite a prospective yield of 7 per cent, the shares hardly look worth chasing until the future structure of the industry becomes clear.

JAMES MORGAN



Raise a cheer: Sir Michael Herries, Royal Bank chairman

Royal Bank of Scotland

Royal Bank of Scotland shareholders can raise a cheer because their bank has become the first to escape the shadow of Third World debt. Yesterday's LDC debt provision of £108 million means the bank is 75 per cent covered on Third World loans, while the medium- and long-term loans are 97 per cent provided for.

As canny as its Caledonian heritage suggests, RBS is providing for all its LDC debts, including South Africa, so the bank is now almost free to write off the entire value of the loans any day. Meanwhile it is selling off the debt, the total exposure falling $105 million to $404 million over the year.

The profit figures as usual paid the price for balance sheet security. Pre-tax profits for the year to end-September fell 26 per cent to £228 million, with earnings down the same to 19.9p. The bank is confident enough, however, to increase the final dividend to 4.8p to make a year's total of 7.2p, up 20 per cent.

No sooner has one set of problem customers vanished than another raises its head, management buyout customers. The bank says less than 2.5 per cent of its £23.5 billion assets is employed in buyouts, including Lowndes Queensway. But bad debt provisions are up 45 per cent to £85.8 million, which suggests the bank is increasingly fearful about its more highly geared clients.

Retail banking also slowed – its profit growth of 24 per cent at the interims was only 6 per cent by the full year. Profits could reach £385 million this year, with a full year from Citizens Financial in the US, which has yet to prove it can cover its purchase price. At 177p, the shares have a prospective p/e ratio of 5.7 times. Fair, as long as too many buyout pigeons do not come home to roost.

MEPC

MEPC, Britain's second largest property group, will have to master the art of running up an escalator which is going down.

Because – and only because of adverse property market sentiment – MEPC has a hard act to follow after its results for the year to end-September.

These showed a net asset value of 881p, up from 727p a year earlier, a pre-tax profit of £127.5 million against £104.8 million, and a final dividend of 12.25p (11p) to make 17p (15.5p) for the year.

Property shares have not been investors' number one choice for some time and, like others, MEPC shares have been travelling on the down escalator. But its financial strength, and the structure of its portfolio, has prompted one analyst to say that if he had to hold on to only one share in the sector, it would be MEPC.

The group continues to have a substantial worldwide development programme in hand (£1.4 billion), but warns that if circumstances dictate parts of this will be canned.

While MEPC cannot divorce itself from the financial health of its customers, it has a reasonable spread of them and is less exposed to the sensitive City and retail sectors than others. It also offers some protection through overseas interests and, through adept management of borrowings, there is some insulation against the worst of interest rate and currency movements.

The rate of growth in this year's net worth will be slower because of market conditions, but the pace could quicken in 1991 to see NAV up to at least 940p a share in that year.

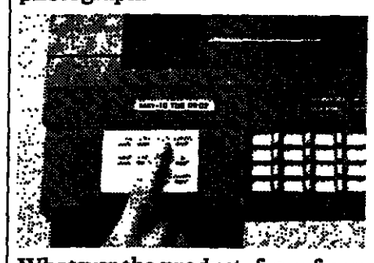
Current year pre-tax profits should reach £142.5 million, and an overall dividend of 19.5p looks possible.

Today's share price of 508p, up 3p, offers a discount to historic (and advertised) net worth of 42 per cent. When the down escalator reaches bottom, it will turn round and go up. Meanwhile sit tight.

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BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Erskine to dispose of operation in Russia

Erskine House Group, the office equipment company chaired by Mr Brian McGillivray, is to sell or close the pioneering Moscow-based computer distribution business acquired with Quest Group, the computer dealer, last year. The news came with interim figures to end-September from Erskine showing pre-tax profits up 58 per cent to £7.63 million. The dividend rises from 1.9p to 2.3p.

Quest's Russian operation was one of the longest-running Western businesses behind the Iron Curtain. Mr McGillivray said the operation had been affected by the economic problems in the Soviet Union. The growing US operations have now taken over from Britain as the main source of profit, representing 68 per cent of the pre-tax total.

Nu-Swift back to 37p fall

Shares in Nu-Swift, the office cleaning and fire extinguisher group, fell 37p to 483p when dealing resumed. They had been suspended while the company sorted out the sale, probably to Rothschild & Cie Banque and Drexel Burnham Lambert, of its 88.5 per cent stake in Compagnie Centrale Sicli, the French fire protection group, which accounts for nearly 75 per cent of its profits.

AMP bid goes unconditional

Australian Mutual Provident has said its £1.1 billion, or 690p a share, hostile bid for Pearl Group, the insurance company, has become unconditional in all respects. The company said the increased ordinary offer would remain open for acceptance until further notice. AMP said this week it had gained control of 91.23 million shares, or 50.63 per cent, of Pearl.

Caledonia 34% ahead

Caledonia Investments, the Cayzer family's investment vehicle, has lifted pre-tax profits by 34 per cent to £16.4 million in the half year to end-September. It is raising its half-time dividend by 14 per cent to 4p.

The company has reduced its net cash from £50 million to an estimated £20 million by buying a 45 per cent stake in British Air Transport, and by taking up rights issues in Amber Industrial and Abacus. It plans to buy a minority stake in Reliant Shipping, which seeks to acquire the Isle of Wight Ferry from Sea Containers for £107 million.

AMI moves into the red

American Medical International made a loss of $52.4 million (£33.4 million) in the fourth quarter of 1988-89, after a $100.2 million charge against earnings, compared with a profit of $18.3 million. The charges reflect the sale of some hospitals. These sales are expected to realize about $1 billion. AMI lost $12.8 million for the year compared with a profit of $115.3 million.

Advance at Penny & Giles

Penny & Giles International, the black box flight recorder manufacturer, raised pre-tax profits from £984,000 to £1.18 million in six months to end-September despite higher costs associated with a US marketing drive. The interest charge rose from £262,000 to £471,000. Turnover was £14.3 million (£10.7 million), and the interim dividend rises from 1.05p to 1.25p.

Bid for Jaguar cleared

Ford, the American car group, has received official approval for its agreed £1.6 billion takeover of Jaguar. Mr Nicholas Ridley, the Trade and Industry secretary, announced he was not planning to call in the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to examine the deal.

The decision came as no surprise. It was Mr Ridley who waived the Government's golden share in the luxury car maker, allowing the bid to proceed. He said he had based his decision on the advice of Sir Gordon Borrie, the director general of Fair Trading.

Demand shortfall cuts Plysu profit

By Philip Pangalos

Plysu, the manufacturer of plastic containers and housewares, reports a 27 per cent fall in pre-tax profits to £2.65 million in the 28 weeks to October 13 after a shortfall in demand expectations in the consumer section of containers.

Mr Charles Summerlin, the chairman, said the company has been expanding its production capacity, from one factory to four, and overheads had increased after gearing up for the extra capacity.

The effect of high interest rates has applied a brake to the company's historic growth pattern.

Earnings per share slip from 5.9p to 4.0p. However, the interim dividend is raised from 0.8p to 1p.

Group turnover climbed from £28.58 million to £31.14 million, helped by continued expansion in the market for plastic milk bottles. Large bottles and drums, which are directed at industrial outlets, held up well. Housewares maintained its volume in a difficult market and the company is introducing new products to improve prospects.

Energy-wise companies saved £3.8m

By Our Energy Correspondent

Companies entered for the energy savings awards sponsored by the Electricity Council have cut £3.8 million from their annual power bills by adopting the latest energy saving equipment.

Elgoods Brewery, of Wisbech, Cambridgeshire, and Goodacre Carpets, of Kendal, Cumbria, the two winners, were presented with their awards yesterday. The combined saving of the two is estimated to be £700,000 a year.

O&L slides to £730,000 at half time

By Our City Staff

Pre-tax profits at Osborne & Little, the wallpaper and furnishing fabrics group, fell from £967,000 to £730,000 in the six months to September on sales of £6.47 million, down from £5.72 million. Earnings per share fell from 8.83p to 6.57p and the interim dividend is maintained at 2p.

Sir Peter Osborne, the company's chairman, said that while it was difficult to be anything other than cautious, there were excellent opportunities for future growth. The shares fell 1p to 150p.

COMPANY BRIEFS

VISTEC GROUP (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.11m (£0.12m)
EPS: 0.7p (0.8p)
Div: 0.1p (None)
The board reports that the company is investing primarily in organic growth, supplemented by small, strategic acquisitions.

JARVIS PORTER (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.87m (£0.50m)
EPS: 3.5p (2.0p)
Div: 1.4p (1.4p)
Turnover £15.37m (£17.64m). The group will be examining opportunities for expansion in specialist labelling.

UNITED INDUSTRIES (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.35m (£1.25m)
EPS: 2.54p (2.51p)
Div: 1.2p (1.2p)
Turnover £22.45m (£19.51m). Group has entered second half with strong order books, which will carry it through the third quarter.

ISOPAD INTNL. (Int)
Pre-tax: £0.70m (£0.90m)
EPS: 3.2p (4.3p)
Div: 1.65p (1.50p)
Sales £6.37m (£6.45m). The board looks forward to reporting "satisfactory results" for the full year.

CASTINGS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.43m (£1.13m)
EPS: 9.01p (7.17p)
Div: 2.2p (1.75p)
The board says that, provided there is not a big downturn, the results for the full year should show an improvement on last time.

UNITED DRUG (Fin)
Pre-tax: Ir£2.04m
EPS: 12.52p (9.55p)
Div: 3.415p mkg 5p
Last year's pre-tax profit was Ir£1.43m and the total dividend was 4.585p. Turnover advanced to Ir£50.79m (Ir£43.65m).

STODDARD SEKERS (Int)
Pre-tax: £1.16m (£1.37m)
EPS: 1.5p (2.1p)
Div: 0.55p (0.55p)
Following a review of the group's pension schemes, the company said it is entitled to a refund which is expected to exceed £1m.



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Metal Closures rejects £43.9m bid by Wassall

By Gillian Bowditch

Mr Christopher Miller and Mr Phillip Turner, the ex-Hanson men who run Wassall, have launched their biggest takeover bid to date with a £43.9 million offer for Metal Closures, the packaging group.

The board of Metal Closures, which has more than 20 per cent of the bottle top market, rejected the 170p a share offer as "unsolicited and unwelcome." They said the bid is "opportunistic, derisory and totally unacceptable." The shares rose 6p to 165p.

Wassall is offering two new ordinary shares plus 170p cash for every three Metal Closure shares. There is a cash alternative of 160p a share and an offer of 86p cash for each preference share. Wassall has an irrevocable undertaking from Suter, Mr David Abell's group, to accept the bid in respect of its 29.96 per cent stake in Metal Closures. Past share dealings in Metal Closures are the subject of an inquiry by the Department of Trade and Industry.

Mr Miller, chief executive of Wassall, said Metal Closures had a dismal profits performance over the last 15 years with earnings per share a quarter of what they should have been to keep up with inflation. He said his offer represented 12 times last year's earnings or 16 times this year's assuming pre-tax profits of £5.7 million this year.

Wassall condemned Metal Closure's diversification strategy into plastic bag manufacturing and pre-press printing services as "ineffective and and a distraction to management." Mr Miller said his team would concentrate on improving the British operations and refocus the group on the areas of greatest profit potential. As a result, the proportion of Metal closures' profits from South Africa would be reduced.

Wassall will give the managers of the MC businesses autonomy and incentives. He is keeping disposal options open but does not have "such an ethical problem with South Africa to want out at any price." MC has a 77 per cent South African subsidiary.

The bid will result in Wassall issuing 17 million new shares, 42.3 per cent of the capitalization. If all are taken up, Hanson's stake will be diluted from 13 per cent to about 8 per cent. The shares fell 10p to 160p.

Hestair sells Hope for £11.6m

By Our City Staff

Hestair, the personnel services group facing a £167 million hostile bid from Adia, the Swiss group, has sold Hestair Hope to Fine Art Developments, the mail order group, for £11.6 million.

Mr David Hargreaves, the chairman, says the disposal is part of Hestair's strategy to turn itself into a pure personnel services group and to move into higher growth activities.

Hope is a British mail order distributor of educational supplies and a manufacture of stationery. Fine Arts is paying £9.45 million for the share capital of Hope and £2.2 million as a special dividend.

Hope, which has no cash and no debt, is expected to make pre-tax profits of £1.66 million on sales of £19.6 million for the year to January 1990. Its net assets are about £3.5 million.

Hestair is also negotiating the sale of Kiddiecraft, its children's toy business, which is expected to fetch £12 million. The disposal is well under way, with the rest of Hestair's consumer products scheduled to be sold in 1990.

Hestair shares rose 2p to 303p and Fine Art shares rose 2p to 262p.



Strategy to become pure personnel services group: David Hargreaves, chairman of Hestair

Deadline on IMF quotas extended

From Susan Ellicott
Washington

The International Monetary Fund has extended until March 31 its deadline for agreement on revised quotas because Britain, the United States and Saudi Arabia refuse to increase their contributions as much as other member countries.

Mr Graham Newman, an IMF spokesman, said the US Treasury "finally told us early this week they would be prepared to negotiate on a basis of a 35 per cent increase, compared with the two-thirds or more deemed reasonable by 149 of the fund's 152 members. Britain and Saudi Arabia have indicated they would accept a 25 per cent increase in their quotas".

Mr Newman said the deadlock would have to be broken by "a process of accommodation" that could include bringing forward the World Bank/IMF interim committee meeting scheduled for May 7 next year. Such a move would be costly and inconvenient for member countries.

Mr Newman said: "If we have an impasse, as we do now, we can sit down with the ministers and start to talk."

A decision on how to break the impasse lies in the hands of the fund's 22-member executive board and could come at any time, Mr Newman said. IMF quotas are revised every five years and increases must be across the board. M Michel Camdessus, the managing director of the IMF, has said he thinks the fund deserves 100 per cent increases from each member.

The 149 members of the IMF agreed to raise their quotas by two-thirds or more as result of new responsibilites since the last revision in 1983. These include loans to Eastern European countries and the Brady Plan, conceived by Mr James Brady, the US Treasury secretary, to help Latin America reduce its heavy international debt.

The dispute over the quota revision stems from disagreement over the way contributions are calculated according to a formula designed to reflect a member's rank in the world economy. This position is based on economic performance at the end of the Second World War, and therefore places the burden on the US and Britain.

Since 1945, Japan, in particular, has risen up the ranks and members would like new quotas to reflect that change in balance.

COMMENT David Brewerton

Some old scores have still to be settled

There is nothing for anyone to be particularly pleased about in the latest revelations over the details of the sale contract for Rover. We may as well accept that there were a number of inducements which did not form part of the sale price, accept that the Department of Trade and Industry did not do a particularly brilliant deal and accept that there has been less than complete frankness about the whole episode.

It may have been just a negotiating ploy by British Aerospace chairman Professor Roland Smith, but there was at least one point during the negotiations when it looked like the only firm buyer, British Aerospace, was about to pull out. Given the spoils which BAe has collected from staying the course, it must now be doubtful that the good professor would have turned his back on such a deal. But he cannot be blamed either way, for such tactics are just part of the cut-and-thrust of negotiations.

The affair does, however, give scope for old scores to be settled. The first old score is that involving Lonrho and Lord Young, the trade minister who not only sealed the Rover deal but also took the decision not to publish the report of his inspectors into the takeover of House of Fraser. His decision enraged Tiny Rowland and the files are thick with acrimonious correspondence. If Tiny was a serious buyer, in partnership with Toyota, for Rover, then we might soon be hearing more about it.

The second old score is with Sir Leon Brittan, who left the Government at the time of the Westland affair. He has every right, from his perch in Brussels, to look at the deal done by his successor at the DTI. If there was any economy with the truth as told to the EC Commissioners, he will as keen as a boy scout to uncover it. Both the EC and Tiny have great credentials of hanging out the bag for as long as possible.

Lord Young, who incidently had nothing to do with the Royal Ordnance sell-off, which was handled by the Ministry of Defence, has made it clear that he sought a British solution, for he feared a Continental buyer would simply close Rover down. But in terms of EC law, that is no reason to tilt the playing field in favour of a domestic solution. And nobody knows that better than Sir Leon.

Yen for Tokyo funds

However much 19.6 trillion yen might be, it is an awful lot of sterling and even more dollars. It is also the size of the Japanese corporate pension fund industry at the last count, which was more than six months ago. The figure now will be much higher, given the rise in the Tokyo stock market.

Next April, management of Japanese corporate pension funds is likely to be opened to foreign and domestic investment advisory companies. The deregulation is unlikely to be quite so clear-cut as it appears. In theory, after the expected deregulation, Japanese banks and Japanese and foreign securities groups will effectively be allowed to enter the business through their investment advisory arms. But having permission to act as advisers and actually getting a foothold in a market are two entirely different propositions.

This week we have seen Daiwa Securities admitting to picking up trading losses suffered by some of its clients, and although those events now under investigation by the Japanese Ministry of Finance took place several years ago, there is still a vast cultural gap between the conventions of the Japanese houses and those of the best London and Edinburgh managers.

That said, the pool of pension fund money is growing rapidly as the state pension schemes assume lesser importance. Furthermore, the earnings and dividend yields and the price/earnings ratios available on blue chip London listed companies, compared with Tokyo, are likely to bring smiles to the most inscrutable lips.

A tragic loss

The brutal death of Dr Alfred Herrhausen leaves a gap at the Deutsche Bank, but an even bigger gap within the West German establishment. Serious London analysts, such as Richard Reid, European economist at Phillips & Drew, said the loss of Herrhausen could slow economic change in West Germany. He was not only the country's pre-eminent banker, but also economic adviser to Chancellor Kohl, who described him as "one of the most outstanding men of our country."

Yesterday, as a gesture of respect, Dresdner Bank postponed its financial results, and Deutsche Bank's results are also being held back. Today, there is a parade of bankers through Frankfurt to pay respects.

For London, it is a tragedy Herrhausen will not bring his influence to bear on Morgan Grenfell. He was here on Monday to announce the agreed takeover, and it is clear there was genuine excitement in the merchant bank at the opportunities the Deutsche Bank parentage was about to bring. The takeover goes ahead, but the benefits might now be longer in arriving.

Happy Abbey

The flags were flying high at Abbey National last night, not because every shareholder had at last received the correct entitlement of shares (surely not?) but because the share price went through the previous peak. Abbey shares have been quietly outperforming the market almost since flotation, but last night burst through the 161p price established for a few minutes on July 12 in the immediate wake of the offer for sale. The shares closed at 162½.

Cook named 'company of the year'

By Our City Staff

William Cook, the Sheffield steel castings company which has undergone a dramatic turnround since the recession of the early 1980s, has been named "company of the year" and winner of the Business Enterprise Award.

After barely breaking even less than a decade ago on a turnover of £3 million, the company, led by Mr Andrew Cook, aged 40, its chairman and chief executive, is targeting profits of £9 million on sales of about £100 million in the current year.

Having cut the workforce to 180 during the recession, the company now employs 3,000 and is the biggest and fastest-growing steel castings manufacturer in Europe. Its shares have recovered to more than 300p from 9p in 1981.

Other finalists were Cookson Group, the industrial materials specialist, JLB Group, the gas fire maker, NFC, the freight transporter, Race Electronics, the circuit board assembler, and Tesco.

Nordic banks bid for rest of SBG

By Stephen Leather

A consortium of Nordic banks is offering 225p a share for the one-third of Scandinavian Bank Group which it does not already own.

Shares in SBG were suspended at 133p before the announcement, which values the bank at £179 million.

SBG floated on the Stock Exchange in March 1987 at 210p a share, is 64.6 per cent owned by its shareholder banks.

The shareholder banks — Bergen Bank, Union Bank of Finland, Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken, Privatbanken and Landsbanki Islands — have set up a new company, Scandinavian Investments, to launch the takeover bid, which has been unanimously recommended by the SBG's independent directors.

Mr Garrett Bouton, managing director and chief executive, said deregulation of the financial markets in Scandinavia and the single market in the European Community in 1992 had led many Scandinavian businesses to reappraise their development strategies. He said: "These developments have led shareholder banks to the conclusion that they require closer links with SBG."

Last year, SBG reported pre-tax profits of £23.6 million with capital resources of £235 million. Yesterday, the directors forecast an operating profit before provisions and tax for the year to end-December of £22 million. But they forecast a loss for the year of £2.6 million after exceptional provisions. The bank is preparing to write off £15.6 million in respect of loan loss provisions in relation to less developed countries.

The bank is also making provisions of £9 million in respect of interest rate derivative contracts with British local authorities, of which Hammersmith is the largest.

Mr Bouton said: "There was a clear obligation on the part of the local authorities and they have decided to renage on it. We will actively pursue this in the courts, and we will pursue compensation."

Profits at Scapa up to £20.1m

Scapa Group, the paper-making equipment manufacturer, lifted pre-tax profits 10.6 per cent to £20.1 million in the six months to end-September, on sales up 7.3 per cent at £135 million.

Earnings rise 12.7 per cent to 7.1p, and the interim dividend is improved by 12.5 per cent to 1.43p.

Group operating profits climbed from £20.9 million to £23.2 million, of which North America accounted for the lion's share, advancing from £11.8 million to £13.9 million on turnover up 11.1 per cent to £53 million.

However, there was a reduced contribution to operating profits from Britain, down from £5.61 million to £5.32 million, on turnover up 5.9 per cent at £51.5 million.

The company said the international spread of its markets and manufacturing locations would restrict, though could not entirely eliminate, the effects of a slowdown in the British economy.

America and Europe account for 80 per cent of sales and maintained good trading conditions, with North America bringing in 60 per cent of profits.

The shares firmed by 2p to 156p.

Distributors' trade group

Leading equipment distributors have formed a trade association, the Federation of Construction Equipment Distributors, as a counterweight to those for manufacturers and plant hirers.

Mr Tom Maconochie, chairman of Stweart Plant Sales, one of the founder companies behind FCED, said considerable benefits could be derived from the ability to speak with one voice on certain subjects.

Membership of the FCED is open to all British construction equipment distributors whose annual sales exceed £1 million. They must represent one or more manufacturers and have retail sales and service support of new equipment as their main activity.

Marina ahead

Marina Developments, which in February escaped a bid from Local London Group, the property developer, boosted pre-tax profits 66 per cent in the six months to end-September to £2.8 million. The interim dividend rose from 2p to 5p.

Trust advances

Profits at York Trust, the USM-quoted financial services group, jumped from £2 million to £5.2 million in the six months to end-September. The dividend is held at 1p, on earnings up from 2.7p to 3.6p.

Citi — a corp sans esprit

The opening of the floodgates at Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, predicted in yesterday's City Diary after the surprise resignation of Tim Huddart because the firm had refused his request for a number of two-year contracts to be issued, has, it seems, already taken place. An anonymous report, has now reached my desk which talks of differences between one-time Nomura pharmaceuticals analyst Arnab Banerji, who was appointed head of research at CSV in April, and Nick Whitney, the newly-recruited managing director. Meanwhile morale among both salesmen and analysts is, according to my scribe, at an all time low, with a conservative estimate of 30 individuals having left so far this year. Indeed he — or she — calculates that 17 analysts have left Scrimgeour's research department since the summer alone, while only two newcomers have arrived. One of those two is apparently Steven Brook, an ex-colleague of Witney's from Warburg Securities and, my informant predicts, "likely to be the next head of research, probably within a short period of time." The more recent of the departees listed are Ian Shackleton, a breweries analyst who has gone to James Capel, and John Doree, an analyst who specializes in chemicals and who will be joining Hoare Govett. Informed sources confirm that all of the above is sadly true.

THE TIMES CITY DIARY

Joining the gentlemen

The delightful Elisabetta Castelli, former engineering analyst at Hoare Govett, has found a new home. She went into "retirement" and a life of leisure this year with the memorable line "The City is no place for a lady." She, if anyone, ought to know, since she is a scion of a noble Italian family who married a Russian prince to boot. Castelli is now travelling round the world, a trip terminating at the family pile in Acapulco, but she will be back in Britain in mid-January to work on the European desk at County NatWest WoodMac. Given her earlier parting shot, this strikes me as the fairest compliment County could hope for.

Elbowed out

James Shillingford, managing director of M&G Investment Management, Britain's biggest fund management group, a popular and respected City figure, is in need of consolation — and perhaps a good personal injury lawyer. For Shillingford has fallen victim to one of the building sites on almost every road in the Square Mile. He slipped outside one in Bishopsgate, landed on his elbow and broke it. Now at hospital for physiotherapy, his colleagues tell me he is likely to have treatment for at least two more weeks. We, and many in the City, wish him well.

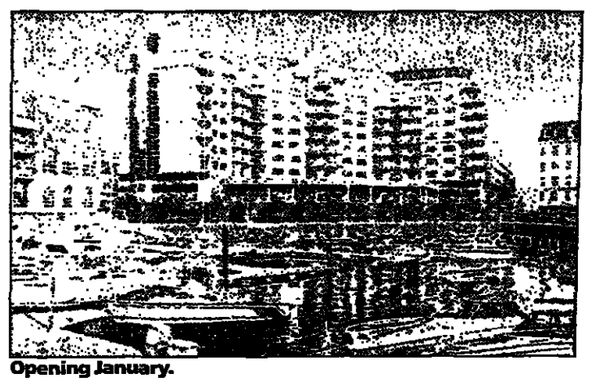


"It's either a Christmas party or they've just sold a carpet."

Tie tag

With more market-making heads expected to roll in the next few weeks, Saunders & Sidney, the only quoted outplacement agency in Britain, has come up with a timely new emblem for its corporate tie. Since its business involves helping redundant executives to find new jobs — with more than 70 per cent of them landing better jobs than the ones they left, S&S claims — it has chosen two crossed axes with a phoenix rising above them. Now S&S is offering a case of champagne for a motto to go with it.

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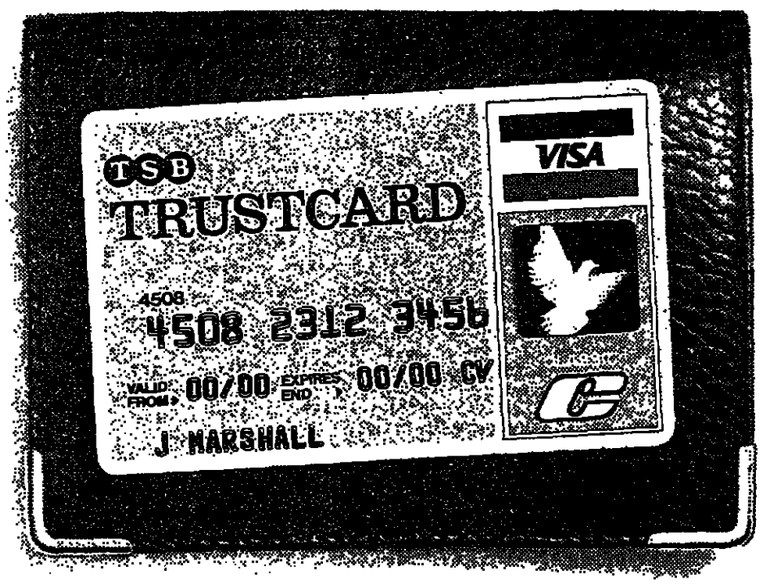
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John Bell charts the war of nerves that ended in victory for BAe

Brinkmanship that won Rover

All those involved in clinching the controversial deal for the ailing British car maker had to negotiate a political minefield which stretched from Westminster to Brussels

The City was stunned by the news that British Aerospace planned to buy Rover in March last year. Analysts with years of experience in the complexities of high-tech missile and aircraft systems were shocked by the plan to add an ailing, low-tech volume car maker traditionally wracked with crippling labour disputes.

"Bizarre," "unbelievable," and "very bad news" were descriptions given to *The Times*, when news of the offer surfaced. BAe shares plunged, lopping £60 million from the stock market value of the group.

Even more amazingly, City perceptions had changed completely within 24 hours. After a series of briefings from Professor Roland Smith, BAe's chairman, and Sir Raymond Lygo, his chief executive, professional investors were talking of "the deal of the century." Money men know that everything is worth buying at a price and that BAe was proposing to strike a very hard bargain indeed.

There was much to be gained by both parties to the deal. Rover's fortunes were improving markedly. But in all its years of ownership by the taxpayer and after numerous changes of corporate structure and name, Rover never looked remotely strong enough to stand on its own two feet.

So long as Rover was hooked on to a drip feed of cash support from the Government and its bankers, a conventional privatization was out of the question. If Rover was to be plucked from the ranks of nationalized industries, it needed a parent with pockets deep enough to fund new models and a tough management willing to undertake the risk.

For Smith and Lygo, the risks were worth taking – if the price was right. To strike a deal they could sell to shareholders, the two had to run the gauntlet between politicians vulnerable to charges of a state giveaway and the Brussels regulators ever on the lookout for a sweetheart deal favouring BAe at the expense of other European carmakers. It was inevitably going to be an exercise in long range, high level brinkmanship.

After the political disasters of the Westland affair, and the outcry following plans by Ford to buy Austin-Rover, Smith and Lygo had one trump card, to be played for all it was worth. They could offer an all British solution to the problem of Rover's private sector parentage.

In Whitehall, ministers and officials, after totting up the £3 billion or so handed out to Rover since 1975, were of a mood to cut their losses. The state was still liable to shell out £1.6 billion in debt guarantees and other liabilities if Rover eventually failed. Crucial to the terms hammered out between BAe and the Government was some £800 million of fresh state aid in part as a quid pro quo for being relieved of the £1.6 billion liability. But alms on that scale were bound to attract the scrutiny of regulators in Brussels.

Smith and Lygo plus their advisers at BAe were aiming for a deal that could be presented to shareholders as self financing. Rover would consume huge amounts of cash investment in order to fund new model development programmes and much needed modernization. That meant a purchase price of no more than £150 million plus the £800 million of debt write-offs. They knew that Brussels could torpedo the deal and had engineered an escape clause into the terms of the contract, if the debt reduction package was severely curbed.

BAe was not averse to letting it be known that if the Government refused to take up the cudgels in Brussels on behalf of the original terms, the deal was off. This clearly put Lord Young, then Trade Secretary, on the spot. His department was compelled to defend the terms forcefully, saying that the £800 million of fresh support was merely equal to the best estimate of Rover's effective indebtedness at the time the deal was due to be completed. The debt burden would have to be removed before any buyer would be prepared to take on Rover.

Lord Young duly took the battle to Brussels in a series of secret meetings with the EC commissioner for competition, Mr Peter Sutherland.

Mr Sutherland would not be moved. He argued that the state support was far too generous even for a company with a record of chronic losses for the past 20 years. Lord Young received little succour from BAe headquarters. Professor Smith and Sir Raymond would not budge. Eventually the Prime Minster's assistance had to be sought.

She intervened personally only when it became clear that the Brussels negotiations were headed for deep trouble. Mrs Thatcher wrote to M Jacques Delors, president of the EC, urging a quick and favourable decision. The plea fell on deaf ears, perhaps because Mr Sutherland had extracted concessions from the French state owned car maker Renault in exchange for permission to proceed with a state baleout of its own.

By early July, almost four months after the Rover terms were announced in London, the haggling in Brussels continued. Mr Sutherland's original demands were a cut of between £250 million and £550 million in the aid package – terms that would have immediately triggered a BAe withdrawal.

The gap was narrowing though, down now to £300 million but with the EC summer recess fast looming. By now Smith and Lygo were realistically facing up to the fact that their deal would have to be amended or aborted. The word filtered through to Brussels that perhaps a cut of £100 million might just be possible. Eventually BAe's brinkmanship paid dividends.

M Delors and Lord Cockfield, commissioner for the internal market were privately persuaded that some flexibility might be in order. At best Rover was hardly likely to be a serious threat to Europe's major car makers. After all it could muster no more than a 3½ per cent share of the European market.

In mid July, Lord Young's officials and BAe were locked into almost continuous meetings. Smith and Lygo decided to unveil what they said was the final bargaining position – they would be willing to proceed on the basis of a £250 million cut in the aid package in exchange for technical changes in the treatment of carry-forward tax losses. This broke the deadlock, but the Commission demanded powers to monitor the implementation of Rover's investment programme.

In an amazing last ditch effort to protect its position, BAe told trade minister Mr Kenneth Clarke just one hour before he was due to make a Commons statement, that there were now serious doubts that BAe could conclude the deal.

Lord Young cancelled a press conference outlining the final terms.

After a night of further frantic meetings, BAe accepted that it had finally run out of road and would have to live with Brussels looking over its shoulder for five years while it reshaped the group. But they won the concessions outlined in the Commons yesterday. Smith and Lygo declared themselves to be "absolutely happy" with the final outcome.



Flashback: Rover chief Graham Day (left) Lord Young, and Roland Smith reach agreement, but newspaper headlines reflect doubts about the deal

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What's security-risk in Japanese?

STOCK MARKET

Investors hungry for food shares

Investors spent most of yesterday gorging themselves on food shares, convinced that better times lie ahead for the industry.

Brokers have pointed out that the sector has been sadly neglected in recent months but could provide a hedge if the economy slides into recession next year. Evidence of this was provided by Tate & Lyle's interim figures on Wednesday.

Many of the big food manufacturers have been trading close to their year's lows. But there were signs that a revival is under way. Rises were seen in many of the sector-leaders with **United Biscuits** up 10p at 360p, **Associated British Foods**, 6p to 413p, **Unigate**, 5p to 330p, **Cadbury Schweppes**, 15p to 354p and **Associated Fisheries**, 5p to 170p.

Hillsdown also rose 8p to 264p, helped by a recommendation from its own broker, Hoare Govett. Only Tate & Lyle lost ground after running into profit-taking, ending 3p lighter at 287p.

The rest of the equity market grew more confident after a cautious start with dealers waiting to see if the Bundesbank would raise interest rates. Its decision not to came as a relief and investors chased shares sharply higher in thin conditions with only 425 million traded.

The FT-SE 100 index rallied from an initial fall to close at its best level of the day, 21.2 up at 2,276.8. The narrower FT index of 30 shares also rose 23.9 to 1,805.6.

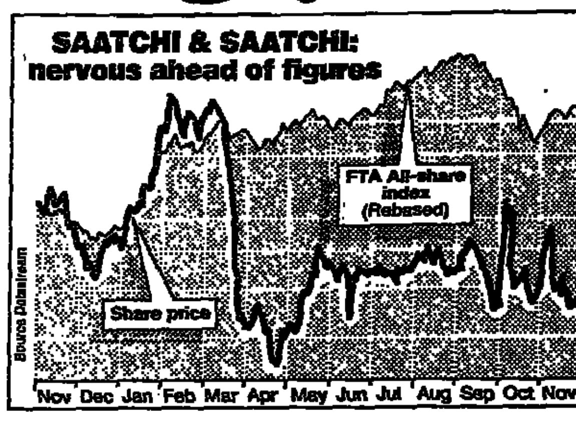
A steadier performance by the pound and the absence of any increase in West German interest rates enabled government securities to claw back losses of £½, to finish virtually unchanged.

Among the leaders, GEC rose 3p to 215p, helped by a buy note from UBS Phillips & Drew, the broker, ahead of Tuesday's interim figures.

Wellcome fell 8p to 721p following a bearish circular from Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, the broker, which was also selling heavily.

Saatchi & Saatchi, the advertising agency, continued to lose ground ahead of its full-year figures next week. Brokers like County NatWest WoodMac are looking for pre-tax profits of about £60 million against £128 million last year. They are worried that the figures may contain substantial write-offs.

Hepworth rose 6p to 251½p. Hoare Govett has published a buy circular, highlighting the 7.7 per cent prospective yield. It is also forecasting £102 million before tax for 1989, 20 per cent growth in earnings and no debt at the year-end. Hoare says the shares are "severely" undervalued.



The new chief executive, Mr Robert Louis-Dreyfus, is about to embark on a reconstruction programme, but elements in the stock market believe it could be too late and that the group is looking vulnerable to a bid. Southeastern Asset Management Inc, a US investment company, already holds a 10.2 per cent stake and this has fuelled speculation of a bid.

Lonrho, the international trading group, rose 6p to 285½p on revived stories that Mr Tiny Rowland was about to step down as chief executive.

They were accompanied this time by talk that his departure could be followed by a break-up of the company, worth more than 500p a share.

Metal Closures jumped 6p to 165p following the bid from Wassall, the shoe company headed by two ex-Hanson men. The terms value MC at £43.9 million, or 170p a share. Wassall has already been pledged the near 30 per cent in MC held by Mr David Abell's Suter. Wassall ended 10p lighter at 159½p while Suter closed unchanged at 153½p.

Full-year figures from the **Royal Bank of Scotland** fell short of expectations.

They revealed a record operating profit of £336 million. But a £108 million provision for bad debts left pre-tax profits £102 million lower at £228 million.

The shares responded with a fall of 8p to 177p. The other clearing banks were also marked lower with **Barclays**, down 2p at 542p, **Lloyds**, 4p at 435p and **Midland**, 2p at 355p; **National Westminster** closed unchanged at 338½p.

The assassination of Herr Alfred Herrhausen, the chairman of the Deutsche Bank, West Germany's biggest, upset sentiment. His death comes days after he agreed a £950 million bid for Morgan Grenfell, one of the City's best known merchant banks. The **Morgan Grenfell** price was unmoved by the news, ending at 535½p, unchanged on the day.

BPB Industries, Britain's biggest plasterboard producer, advanced by 8p to 218p despite reporting a drop in interim pre-tax profits from £104.1 million to £74.6 million.

Gowerings, the Ford main dealer and leisure group, held steady at 163p as investors continued to reflect on the group's latest acquisition — the remaining 74 per cent of Fleetlease, the car-leasing business.

Prospects for the flotation of the 10 water companies are looking distinctly brighter. The Government might be pleased to learn that the price of Thames Water rose sharply on the grey market with the IG Index quoting 127p, a rise of 7p. Applications must be in by 10 am on Wednesday.

It has made an initial payment of £500,000 with a further £4.3 million due later.

No-Swift, the fire extinguishers group, returned from a two-week suspension with the price 37p lower at 483p.

Plans to sell its French subsidiary for £200 million have fallen through. Now the group is in talks with Rothschild Bank and Drexel Burnham Lambert, the US securities house, which have an option on the deal.

Lowndes Queensway, the troubled carpet and furniture retailer, saw its rally cut short as Mr James Gulliver, the chairman, continued to thrash out a refinancing package with the banks. The price closed 1½p lower at 8½p.

Some solid advances were reported in the drinks sector. Bass led the way with a rise of 12½p to £10.19 in the wake of this week's full-year figures and the proposed restructuring of its brewing and retailing division. **Allied**, which reported interim figures on Tuesday and gave a warning of a slowdown in the second half, rallied 12p to 485p.

It is being tipped to buy Whitbread's wines and spirits division.

Whitbread A slipped 1p to 377p. Rises were also seen in **Scottish & Newcastle**, 3½p to 358½p, **Mansfield Brewery**, 5p to 468p after figures, **Greenall Whitley**, 4p to 370p and **Grand Metropolitan**, 6p to 555p. **Guinness** was wanted, ahead of its figures next month, climbing 23p to 627p.

Michael Clark

WORLD MARKETS

Seventh record in a row for Tokyo

Tokyo (Reuter) — Foreign speculators and investment trusts pushed the key Nikkei index to a record for the seventh consecutive trading day in brisk dealings. Investors defied a dull morning and predictions that the rally is about to grind to a halt.

The large-capital shares attracted volume and trading houses picked up late in the day. The 225-share Nikkei surged 247.33 points, or 0.67 per cent, to a peak 37,268.79. It has chalked up a total of 1,375.21 points, or 3.83 per cent, in the past seven days. Cheap, large-capital shares such as steel and shipbuilding again fed aggressive appetites.

● **New York** — The Dow Jones industrial average was up 6.61 to 2,695.39 in early trading.

● **Frankfurt** — The DAX index rose 15.16 to 1,577.43.

● **Singapore** — The *Straits Times* industrial index inched up by 1.15 to 1,411.28.

● **Hong Kong** — The Hang Seng index was 3.13 lower at 2,748.35 and the broader-based Hong Kong index 1.99 easier at 1,809.02.

● **Sydney** — The All-Ordinaries index closed 3.7 higher at 1,611.6.

WALL STREET

	Nov 29	Nov 28
AMR Cp	63%	65%
ASA	55%	55%
Aetna Life	61%	60%
Allied Signal	35%	36%
Alcoa	72%	72%
Amax Inc	22%	23%
AMR Hess	43%	44%
Am Brands	71%	72%
Am Cynmd	52	52%
Am Ele Pwr	30%	30%
Amexs	35%	35%
Am Family	18	18%
Am Home	106%	105%
Am Int Grp	108%	108%
Am Telph	42%	43
Amoco	48%	49%
Anheuser B	36%	37%
Arch Dan	32%	32%
Armco Steel	10%	10%
Asarco Inc	31%	31%
Ashland Oil	36	35%
Atl Richfld	102%	103%
Avon Prod	38%	38%
Bk Boston	20%	20%
Bank NY	41%	43
Bankamer	27%	28%
Bkrs Tst NY	47	47%
Baxter	24%	24%
Beth Steel	17%	17
Boeing	58%	58%
Boise Casc	41	41%
Borden	32%	33%
Brist Myr	55%	56%
BP	58%	59%
Broad Inc	11%	11%
Brunswick	14%	14%
Burl Nth	29	28%
CBS	196%	198%
Cms Engy	33%	34
CPC Int	69%	70%
CSX Cp	33	33
Camp Soup	48%	48%
Can Pacific	21%	21%
Caterpillar	59%	59
Centrl SW	36%	36%
Champion	31%	31%
Chase Man	37%	37%
Chem Bank	32%	32%
Chevron	68%	67%
Chrysler	20%	20%
Citicorp	30%	30%
Clark Eq	36%	36%
Coca Cola	75%	77%
Colgate	62	62%
Columb Gas	47	47
Cmb'tn Eng	38%	38%
Cmwlth Ed	38%	38%
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Consol Ng	46	46%
Cont Data	16%	16%
Corng Inc	40	41%
Crane	23	22%
Curtiss W	57%	57%
Data Genl	14	14
Deere Co	60	60%
Delta Airl	68%	68%
Detroit Ed	24%	24%
Digital Eq	85%	86%
Disney	128%	130
Dow Chem	68	66
Dresser Ind	43%	43%
Dupont	115	115%
Duke Pwr	52%	52%
East Kodak	41%	41%
Eaton Cp	54%	55
Emerson El	37%	38%
Entergy	22%	22%
Exxon	47	47%
Farsh Inc	6	6

	Nov 29	Nov 28
Fedders	13%	13%
Fst Chicago	39%	40
Fst Int Bncp	53	53%
Fst Penn C	16%	16%
FT Wachva	47%	41%
Ford Motor	44%	45%
Fost Whlr	19%	19%
GTE Cp	67	67%
Gen Cp	12%	11%
Gn Dynam	43%	44
Gen Electric	61%	61%
Gen Inst	38%	39%
Gen Mills	73%	73%
Gen Motors	43%	44
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Genesco	8%	8%
Georgia Pac	49%	49%
Gillette	46%	46%
Goodrich	45%	45%
Goodyear	46%	46%
Grace Co	29%	29%
Grt Atl Pac	63%	63%
Graybnd	30%	30%
Gruman	17%	17%
Heinz	33%	32%
Hercules	42	41%
Hewlett Pk	44%	43%
Hilton	93%	94%
Hitachi	109%	104%
Honda	25	25
Honeywell	79%	78%
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INCO	28	28%
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IBM	97%	96%
Int Paper	52	52%
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K Mart	35	36
Kerr McGee	46%	47%
Kimbrly Clrk	73%	73%
Knght Rdr	51%	51
Kroger	15%	14
LTV Cp	1%	n.a
Litton	75%	n.a
Lockheed	37%	n.a
Lone Star	20%	21%
Man H'nver	35%	36%
Manville	9%	9%
Mapco	37%	37%
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McDonnell	63%	65%
Mead Cp	35%	36%
Merck	78%	78%
Minsta Mng	76%	76%
Mitsub Bk	22%	22%
Mobil	58%	58%
Monsanto	117%	119%
Montedison	n.a	n.a
Morgan Jp	42%	43%
Motorola	59	59%
NCR	61%	61%
NL Indstrs	22%	22%
Nat Med Ent	37%	38%
Nat Semi	7	7
Norfolk Sth	37%	37%
NYNEX	81%	82%
Occid Petl	29%	30
Ogden Cp	33	33
Olin Cp	57%	57%
PPG Ind	39%	39%
Pac Enterp	47%	47%
Pac Gas El	21%	21%
Pan Am	2%	2%
Paramt Cm	54%	55%
Penney JC	68%	68%

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Phil Morris	41%	41%
Philip Ptrl	23%	23%
Polaroid	44%	45%
Primerica	28%	29%
Proct Gamb	64%	64%
Pub SE Gr	28	27%
Raytheon	66%	68%
Rynlds Metl	52%	52%
Rockwell Int	21	21%
Royal Dutch	88%	89%
Seacorp	38	38
S Fe Pac Cp	18%	18%
Sara Lee	60	59%
Schlumb	46%	46%
Scott Paper	50%	51%
Seagram	84	84%
Sears Roeb	38%	38%
Sec Pac	42%	43
Shell Trans	42%	42%
Sony Cp	57%	57%
SW Bell	55	54%
Squibb	n.a	n.a
Sun Comp	39%	39%
TDK	36%	37
TRW Inc	45%	45%
Teledyne	339%	341%
Tenneco	59%	59%
Texaco	54	54%
Texas Inst	35	36%
Tex Util	34%	34%
Textron	24%	24%
Timken	27	27%
Travelers	39%	40
UAL Cp	161%	165%
USG Cp	4%	3%
USX Cp	33%	33%
Unilever Plc	43	43
Un Carbide	24%	24%
Un Pac Cp	72%	73%
Unisys Cp	14%	15
Unit Brand	16%	16%
Us West	70%	71%
Utd Tech	52%	52%
Unocal	27%	28%
Warn Lamb	113%	114
Wells Far	77%	79%
Westg El	73%	74
Weyersbr	27%	27
Whirlpool	29%	29%
Whitman Cp	28%	28%
Whittaker	8%	8%
Woolworth	60%	60%
Xerox Cp	57%	57%
Zenith	12%	12%

CANADIAN PRICES

Agnco Eag	10%	10%
Alcan Alum	26%	25%
Can Pacific	25%	25
Cominco	28%	27
Con Bathrst	n.a	n.a
Hawk S Can	25%	25%
Hud Bay M	31%	31%
Imasco	37%	37%
Imperial Oil	59%	60%
Inco	32%	33%
Royl Tratco	17%	17%
Seagram	98	98%
Shell Can	40%	40%
Stelco	20%	20%
Thmsn N 'A'	16%	16%
Varity Cp	2.58	2.60
WCE	21%	21%
Weston	40%	40%

LONDON TRADED OPTIONS

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Jan	Apr	Jul	Jan	Apr	Jul
Alld Lyon (*483)	420	63	82	88	3	7	13
	460	32	53	62	10	14	25
	500	13	35	40	38	40	45
ASDA (*130)	120	15	20	25	4	7	8
	130	9	15	20	7	11	13
	140	4%	9	15	13	16	18
Bass (*1025)	900	130	-	-	4	-	-
	950	80	120	147	17	22	30
	1000	45	83	110	35	45	55
Boots (*271)	240	40	52	55	2	4	6
	260	24	37	40	6	9	12
	280	10	25	28	13	16	20
Brit Air (*207)	180	33	40	43	1	2%	5
	200	16	24%	27	4	7	10
	220	5%	13	17	15	17	21
Brit Com (*91)	80	16	24	27	5	7	9
	90	12	17	22	8	12	16
	100	7	13	16	13	17	18
BP (*310)	280	36	45	49	2	4	8
	300	19	29	33	6	10	15
	330	4	12%	17	22	24	26
Brit Steel (*125)	120	9	14	16%	2	3	6
	135	2	5%	-	11	11	-
	145	1%	3	-	20%	20%	-
C & W (*495)	460	48	72	86	10	17	22
	500	23	47	60	25	37	40
	550	6%	26	40	63	69	72
Cons Gold (*1480)	1450	20	-	-	5	-	-
	1500	4	-	-	45	-	-
Com Union (*474)	390	93	101	-	2	5	-
	420	64	74	84	4	8	11
	460	34	44	58	12	20	22
Courtauld (*364)	330	45	59	67	5	7	13
	360	22	39	43	13	17	23
	390	9	22	29	30	31	40
GKN (*407)	360	67	65	72	3	8	9
	390	31	42	53	8	18	19
	420	14	24	40	21	31	34
Grand Met (*555)	500	73	86	104	4%	12	17
	550	33	51	70	14	28	33
	600	12	27	-	46	56	-
ICI (*1120)	1050	102	122	147	10	30	37
	1100	64	87	114	25	52	57
	1150	37	57	87	50	77	82
Jaguar (*835)	800	49	50	50	7	7	7
	850	2	3	3	18	18	18
	900	1	1	1	68	68	68
Kingfisher (*304)	260	53	65	67	1%	4	7%
	280	35	49	52	3	8	13
	300	19	38	40	9	14	20
Ladbroke (*297)	275	32	-	-	4%	-	-
	300	15	28	34	14	18	23
	325	6	-	-	31	-	-
Land Sec (*511)	460	65	82	90	2	8	10
	500	33	54	61	9	15	23
	550	9	28	37	42	45	52
M & S (*199)	180	25	33	37	2	3%	4%
	200	10	19	23	7	9	11
	220	2	9	-	21	21	-
STC (*265)	260	9	18	28	20	27	30
	300	4	11	20	38	38	41
	330	1	5	-	68	68	-
Sainsbury (*263)	240	30	40	43	3	4	5
	260	13	24	28	7	10	12
	280	4	13	18	22	23	24
Shell (*447)	390	67	72	83	2	6	10
	420	40	47	63	6	13	18%
	460	14	23	37	20	27	32
Smid Beech (*573)	541	46	-	-	8	-	-
	600	13	33	50	35	40	45
	650	3	15	-	80	82	-
Storehse (*116)	100	17	23	25	2	5	8
	110	8%	17	19	6	9	11
	120	4%	11	14	12	15	16
Trafalgar (*342)	300	50	67	-	2%	5	-
	317	33	-	-	6	-	-
	347	12	-	-	22	-	-
Ultramar (*325)	300	37	50	58	5	10	13
	330	18	30	42	16	25	25
	360	6	18	25	38	42	43
Unilever (*689)	600	100	15%	30%	2	7%	10%
	650	56%	76%	94	8%	18%	22%
	700	25	46%	64%	29	39%	43%
Utd Bisc (*356)	330	35	45	53	6	10	13
	360	15	27	35	15	22	25
	390	5%	14	-	42	42	-
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
BAA (*378)	330	60	73	77	3	5%	8%
	360	35	50	57	9%	14	18
	390	17	32	40	23	28	32
BAT Ind (*809)	700	135	158	182	5%	14	18
	750	97	120	145	15	25	30
	800	58	85	110	33	42	43
BTR (*432)	390	60	68	80	7	11	12
	420	38	48	62	14	20	22
	460	17	28	42	34	40	42
Brit Aero (*522)	500	55	67	80	15	25	30
	550	28	38	56	38	52	55
	600	11	22	-	77	87	-
Brit Tele (*271)	240	33	43	51	2	3%	4%
	260	17%	28	35	5%	7	9
	280	8%	16	22	16	17	18
Cadbury (*351)	330	38	47	58	9	16	17
	360	21	32	42	23	30	32
	390	10	21	-	44	48	-
Guinness (*625)	550	93	107	123	5	10	12
	600	55	68	88	13	22	26
	650	28	42	-	38	45	-
GEC (*214)	200	22	30	35	5	7%	9
	220	9	17%	23	12	16	17
	240	3%	9%	13%	26	27	30
Hanson (*227)	200	27	35	39%	3	4%	6%
	220	12%	22	26%	8%	10%	13%
	240	4%	12%	17	23	24	26

		Calls			Puts		
	Series	Feb	May	Aug	Feb	May	Aug
LASMO (*548)	460	108	125	135	3	9	10
	500	73	90	107	10	17	22
	550	37	58	73	25	35	40
P & O (*564)	550	42	58	67%	16	27%	31%
	600	18%	31	43%	44%	55%	59
	650	6%	16%	-	89	92	-
Pilkington (*244)	200	47	56	-	1%	4	-
	220	30	40	44	4%	8	10
	240	16	28	30	12	15	18
Plessey (*266)	240	-	-	-	%	-	-
	260	11	-	-	%	-	-
	280	%	%	-	-	-	-
Prudential (*217)	180	44	47	50	2	4	5
	200	26	30	35	4	7	9
	220	13	17	22	12	16	17
Racal (*255)	210	51	60	-	2	5	-
	230	35	45	-	6%	11	-
	250	21	-	-	13	-	-
RTZ (*540)	493	65	-	-	6	-	-
	542	28	-	-	22	-	-
	600	10	18	-	67	70	-
Scot & New (*359)	330	45	60	66	12	18	22
	360	28	43	48	27	32	33
	390	17	30	-	42	47	-
Tesco (*188)	160	34%	38%	43	1%	3	3%
	180	18	23%	28%	5%	7%	8%
	200	7%	13%	16%	15%	17%	18%
	Series	Jan	Mar	Jun	Jan	Mar	Jun
Abbey Nat (*161)	130	35	37	-	1	1%	-
	140	26	27	32	1%	3	4
	160	9	12	17	5	8	11
	Series	Jan	Mar	May	Jan	Mar	May
Ferranti (*49)	45	7%	9%	12	2	3%	4%
	50	4	7	9	4	6	7
	60	2	3%	4%	12%	13	13%
Polly Peck (*374)	330	53	64	73%	4	7%	11
	360	30	42%	53%	12	17	21
	390	15%	28%	37%	27%	32%	36
	Series	Dec	Feb	Apr	Dec	Feb	Apr
Reuters (*946)	850	102%	127	142%	1%	8	15%
	900	56%	87%	105%	5%	18%	28%
	950	23	58%	76%	23%	38%	48%
	Series	Dec	Mar	Jun	Dec	Mar	Jun
Amstrad (*38)	35	7	10	12	3	4	6
	40	4%	7%	9	5	7	8
	45	2	5%	7	8%	9%	11%
Barclays (*542)	460	88	103	108	1%	7	9
	500	48	68	77	3	15	18
	550	12	30	45	18	35	38
Blue Circ (*216)	200	20	34	38	1%	5	11
	220	10	20	25	10	12	22
	250	3	7	-	37	37	-
Brit Gas (*211)	180	32	34	42	%	2	3%
	200	12%	18	26	2	7%	10
	220	1%	6%	15	11%	14	17
Dixons (*106)	100	9	13	19	3	6	9
	110	4	9	13	8	11	13
	120	1%	6%	11	15	19	20
Glaxo (*752)	700	60	92	110	3	12	18
	725	40	72	92	9	20	27
	750	21	56	76	19	30	37
	775	9	42	62	33	42	50
Hawker (*630)	600	45	75	90	10	19	32
	650	17	43	57	26	42	47
	700	3	25	38	75	80	85
	750	1	15	23	125	126	126
Hillsdown (*252)	260	10	26	32	7	13	15
	280	3%	15	22	22	24	26
	300	1%	9	15	42	42	42
Lonrho (*283)	240	47	52	57	2	7	9
	257	32	-	-	2	-	-
	283	10	-	-	10	-	-
Midland (*356)	300	58	67	67	1	5	9
	329	30	-	-	3	-	-
	360	10	24	30	15	26	30
R-Royce (*163)	160	7%	16	20	3%	7	10
	180	1%	7	10%	18	19	22
	200	1	3	5%	38	38	38
Sears (*105)	100	8	13	15	2	4	8
	110	2	8%	10	6	9	11
	120	1	4	6%	16	18	16
THF (*294)	260	39	50	54	1	5	7%
	280	20	35	40	3	10	16
	300	7	22	30	11	18	23
Thorn EMI (*756)	700	60	89	112	4	17	22
	750	22	55	80	18	35	44
	800	6	34	55	52	65	72
TSB (*120)	100	21	24	27	1	1	2
	110	11%	15	19	2	3	4
	120	3%	8	11	4	6	8
Vaal Reefs (*$101)	90	15	19	24	2	8	10
	100	8	14	19	6	12	15
	110	4	8	15	13	20	21
Wellcome (*720)	650	82	115	140	3	18	25
	700	42	77	108	16	35	40
	750	13	52	80	42	55	68

FT-SE INDEX (*2272)

	2100	2150	2200	2250	2300	2350
Calls						
Nov	156	106	56%	6%	%	%
Dec	190	158	110	78	44	25
Jan	222	178	141	104	78	52
Feb	238	200	162	127	95	68
Jun	307	-	234	-	180	-
Puts						
Nov	%	%	%	%	44%	94%
Dec	11	16%	28	39	65	100
Jan	23	32	48	63	83	115
Feb	35	45	60	78	100	128
Jun	60	-	83	-	125	-

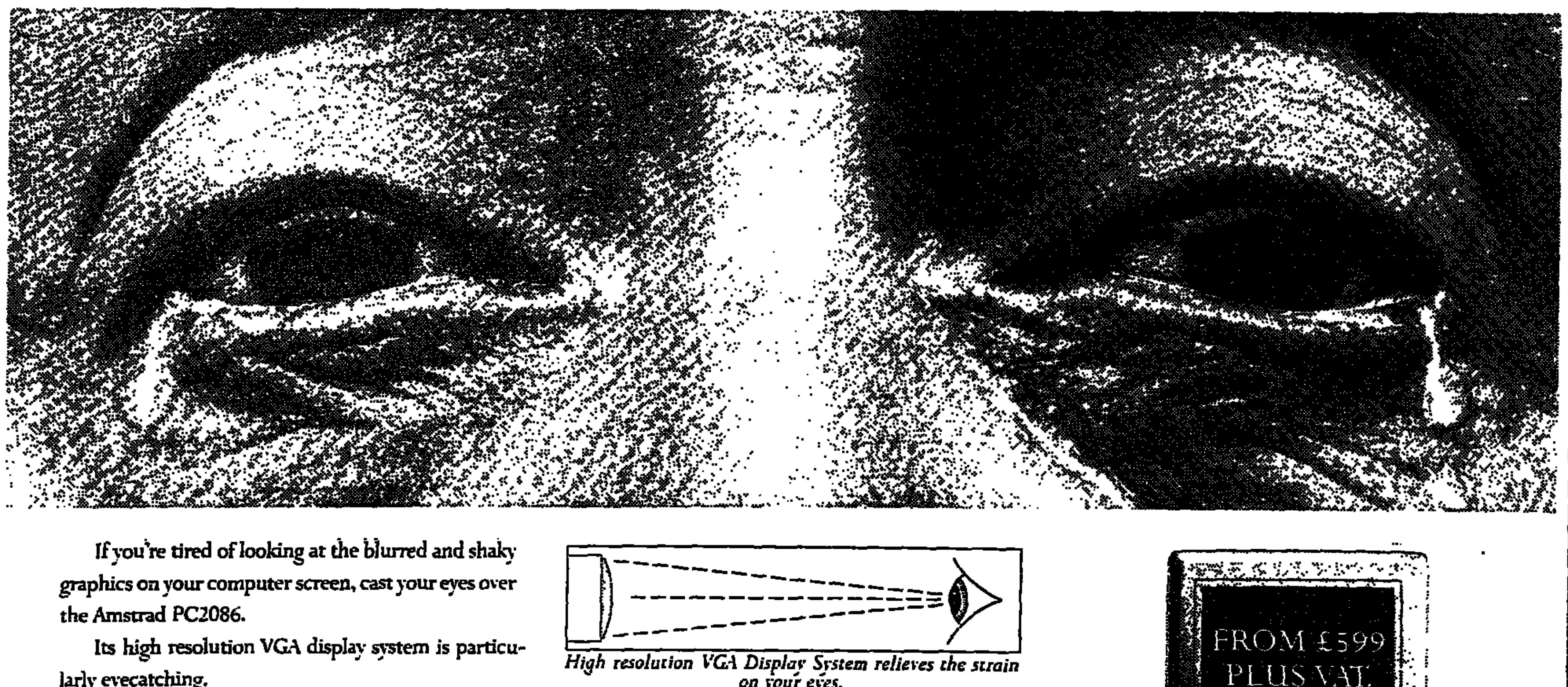
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TRADITIONAL OPTIONS

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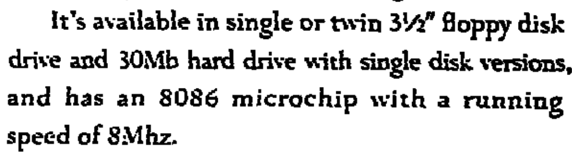


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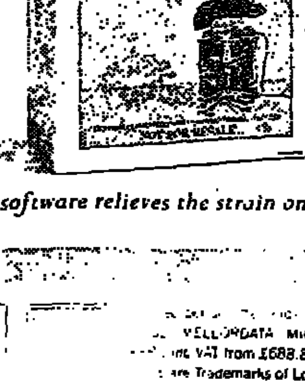
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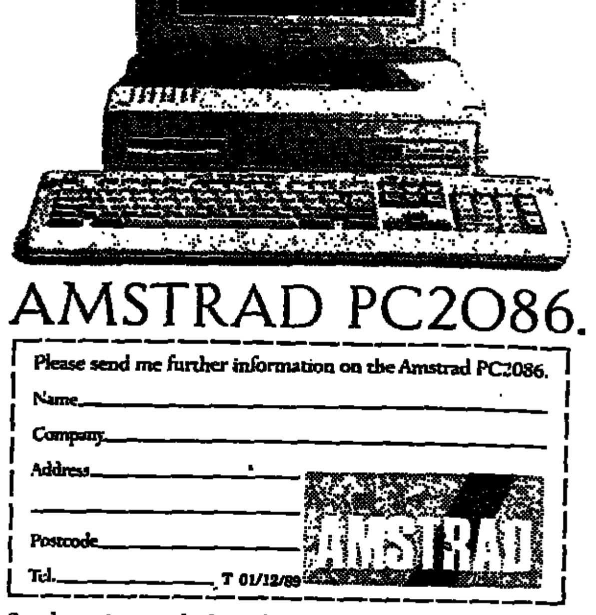
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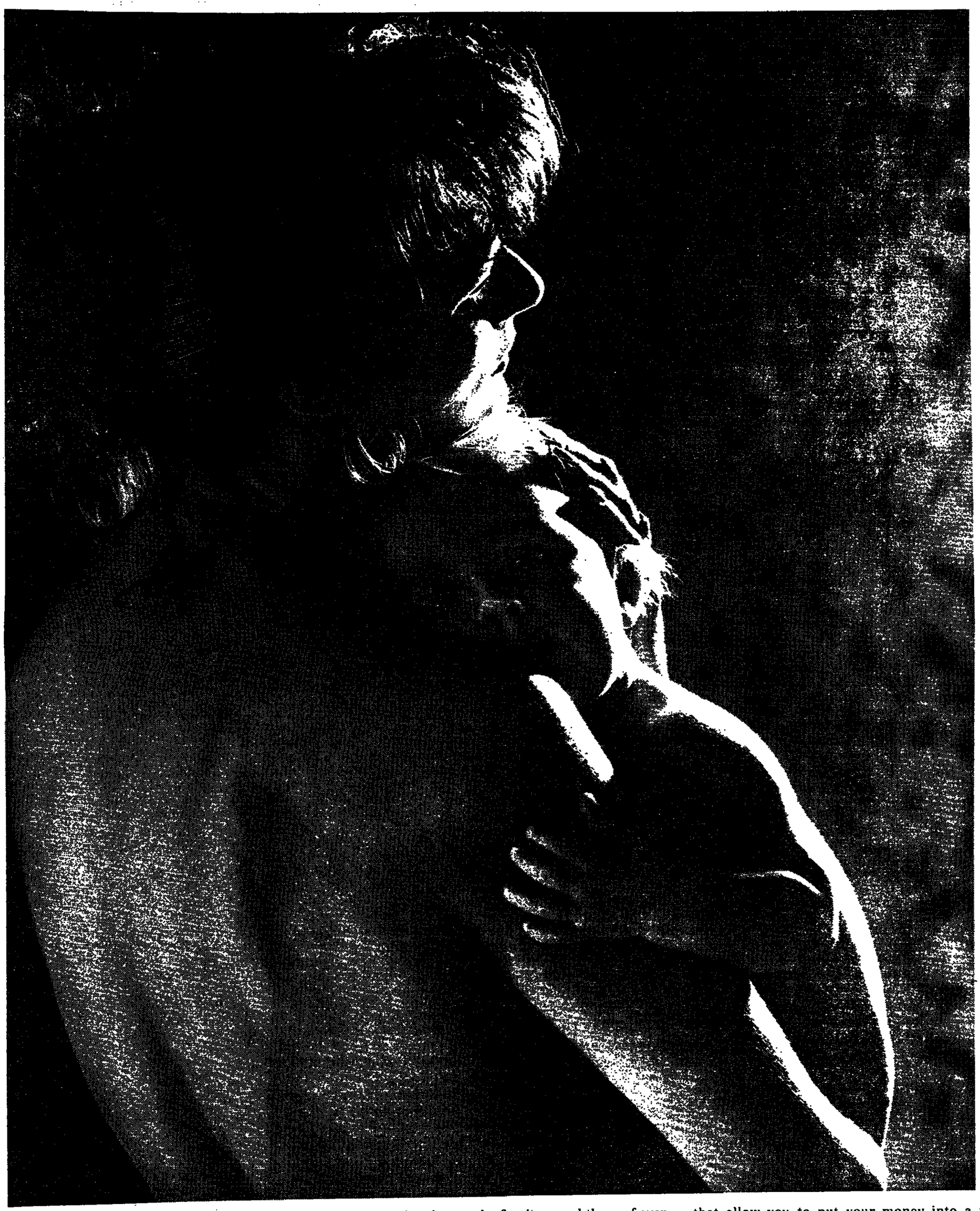
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INTERIM REVIEW ENSO-GUTZEIT OY

January-August 1989

Market and net sales

The prolonged upswing on the market for forest industry products is now coming to an end. Nevertheless, supply and demand were fairly well balanced and there was no significant build-up of unsold product stocks during the review period. Markets were stronger for some products than others.

Prices are steady and higher than a year ago. However, export sales proceeds in Finnish marks suffered as a result of the revaluation of the mark in March 1989.

Consolidated net sales for January–August were FIM 6 941 million, up FIM 721 million, or 12%, on the same period last year. Major contributions to this figure were made by fine papers, food and liquid packaging boards, and the prefabricated house business, which was given subsidiary status at the beginning of this year.

Financial result

The Group's profit after financing items was FIM 615 million, up FIM 181 million on last year's corresponding figure. The improvement can be attributed to the higher operating margin and to exchange gains of FIM 76 million on foreign loans caused by the revaluation of the mark and entered on the books during the period.

The result for the first eight months includes a profit of FIM 28 million from exceptional sales of assets, leaving a pretax profit before adjustments of FIM 643 million. The corresponding figure last year was FIM 602 million, including a profit of FIM 168 million in exceptional sales of assets.

Group financial results, FIM million

Finnish Accounting Standards	1.1.-31.8. 1989	1.1.-31.8. 1988	1.1.-31.12. 1988
Net sales	6941	6220	9799
Expenditure	−5851	−5044	−7965
Operating margin	1280	1176	1834
Depreciation according to plan	−358	−307	−467
Financial income and expenses	−307	−435	−548
Profit before extraordinary items and taxes	615	434	819
Other income and expenses	28	168	244
Profit before adjustments and taxes	643	602	1063
Operating margin, %	18.4	18.9	18.7
Earnings per share, FIM	4.23	3.37	6.35

International Accounting Standards (IAS) (Unaudited)

Net sales	6941	6220	9799
Profit before taxes, minority interests and extraordinary items	731	521	908
Taxes on income	(53)	(38)	(58)
Minority interests	(11)	(2)	(9)
Profit before extraordinary items	667	483	841
Extraordinary items	—	105	148
Profit	667	588	989
Earnings per share, FIM	4.91	4.05	6.82

Consolidated net sales, FIM million

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Pulp and Board Division	1632	1420	2225
Fine Paper Division	1144	962	1560
Publication Paper Division	1145	1079	1740
Paperboards and Converted Products Division	537	538	829
Laminating Paper Division	257	220	357
Wood Products Division	562	522	811
Forest Division	—	18	24
Parent company total	5277	4789	7546
Eurocan Investments Ltd	384	417	586
Finnish Fibreboard Ltd	183	174	277
Pitkäpuu Oy	292	243	393
Tavastimber Oy Ltd	129	120	178
Finnish Timber Houses Ltd	456	286*)	407*)
Other subsidiaries	613	379	692
Less internal sales	−393	−168	−270
Group total	6941	6220	9799

*)Figures for parent company's House Division in 1988

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Derek Harris reports from Istanbul on plans to switch production to Turkey

Polly Peck steps up challenge

Polly Peck International, the trading group headed by Mr Asil Nadir, the Turkish businessman, claims it is set to become the third force in European consumer electronic goods after Philips of the Netherlands and Thomson of France.

The forecast from Mr Tahsin Karan, president of Polly Peck's Vestel subsidiary, comes as the company is planning to switch some production from the Far East to Turkey with its low labour costs.

Vestel, which makes consumer electronics goods such as colour televisions, video cassette recorders, and audio equipment, and is the only manufacturer of microwave ovens in Turkey, has been jockeying for third position in Europe with Nokia of Finland for some time.

Mr Karan expects the balance to swing Vestel's way when formalities are concluded for Polly Peck's acquisition of a controlling stake in Sansui Electric, a leading Japanese manufacturer of audio products by the year-end. Polly Peck is paying nearly £69 million for a 51 per cent stake in Sansui which has been running into losses.

Sansui production in South Korea and Taiwan is to be switched to Turkey, although it will continue manufacturing in Japan.

Vestel has its own manufacturing in the Far East but has been expanding with its series of plants in Turkey because of the low cost base there and prospects of seizing extra competitive edge through efficiencies that are now coming through.



Asil Nadir: leading the fight to be the third force in European consumer electronic goods

Mr Karan said: "In electronics Turkish production costs are half those in Italy." On strict pricing comparisons Turkey should be at 35 per cent of the cost of production in Italy, but less efficient use of labour in Turkey has, until recently, added a factor of about 15 per cent.

But Mr Karan added: "This year alone productivity in our electronics factories in Turkey has risen 65 per cent, with no increase in the labour force. We think there are more improvements to come."

He believes European makers have been wrong to allow the Japanese to dominate the consumer electronics sector. He said: "You need to be able to design components, get them into volume production and so be able to accumulate funds for research." The volume helps keep production costs down for a competitively priced product.

Taking advantage of low labour costs in a country like Turkey, which is beset by inflation of 60 per cent or more a year, involves maintaining a substantial level of exports so that hard currency earnings can ameliorate the effect of high Turkish interest rates when borrowings are necessary.

Vestel's exports from Turkey are about 65 per cent of production.

Its research and development is mainly carried out at its Italian facility but there are also co-operative agreements on sharing some research and development elements with Philips and Thomson.

Turkey's early entry into the European Community would be good for Polly Peck, according to Mr Karan. But there is substantial business with the Comecon countries involving fruit produced in Turkey by Polly Peck's Meyna subsidiary and some electronics goods.

Mr Karan said: "Turkey is becoming a bridge between Europe and Russia. Using the bridge properly, we can employ European technology and know-how to feed to manufacturing in Turkey and then, in this case, to sell to Eastern bloc markets like Russia."

Russia takes consumer and other goods in payment for the increasing quantities of natural gas that it supplies to Turkey.

For the past five years Polly Peck — and Mr Nadir separately, from his own financial resources with investment in ventures such as newspapers — has accounted for a substantial proportion of British investment in Turkey.

The United Kingdom is still the biggest single national investor in the country.

Cumulative British investments at the end of 1988 stood at 13.4 per cent of total foreign investments.

West Germany is the second biggest investor.

Mr Karan said: "We have reached a stage where our aim is stabilization and to increase efficiency in our existing Turkish plants so as to foster increased progress."

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Strong performance and growth: significant progress in Europe and the United States

The year to 30th September 1989 has once again been a successful one for the Group despite the slowdown in the U.K. economy which I predicted in my interim statement. This has continued and indeed intensified. Against this background, we have considered it prudent to make a number of provisions in respect of customers who are experiencing problems. Following these, we have recorded an increase in profit of £27.3 million to £336.5 million which, in the circumstances, is highly satisfactory. From this figure we are deducting an exceptional specific provision in respect of lending to countries in payment difficulties. This represents the culmination of a programme commenced in 1986 and we do not consider that any further exceptional provision for this class of lending should be required. A profit of £147.5 million remains after taxation which enables us to recommend a final dividend of 4.8p per share, to give a worthwhile increase of 20% for the year.

Performance and developments

We have implemented key strategic initiatives and have also increased cross-selling opportunities among our subsidiaries.

Much has been done to build on the achievements of 1988 in the U.S.A. and Europe. Citizens Financial Group, acquired in December 1988, has already demonstrated that it will serve as an ideal flagship for controlled expansion in the U.S. retail banking market.

In Europe, our alliance with Banco Santander was cemented further when it increased its stake in the Group from 2.5% to almost 10%, to become our largest shareholder. The benefits of the alliance are evident at many levels, such as the establishment in July of a jointly-owned bank in Gibraltar, managed by The Royal Bank of Scotland.

Life assurance had been identified as a potential market for expansion and, in September of this year, we announced the establishment of a new joint venture life company in conjunction with Scottish Equitable Life Assurance Society, one of Scotland's major life offices.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Results for the year to 30th September, 1989	Year to 30.9.89	Year to 30.9.88
Profit before exceptional item	£336.5m	£309.2m
Profit after exceptional item	£228.2m	£309.2m
Profit attributable to ordinary shareholders	£147.1m	£192.5m
Total assets	£27.4bn	£21.7bn
Earnings per 25p ordinary share*	29.4p	26.8p
Dividends per ordinary share	7.2p	6.0p
Dividend cover (times)*	x4.1	x4.5

*before exceptional item

Balance sheet strengthened

Our balance sheet has been strengthened by the issue of U.S.$200 million non-cumulative preference shares and the capitalisation of revaluation reserves, together with loan capital issues totalling U.S.$650 million. As a result our capital ratios comfortably exceed the requirements of both the Bank of England and the Bank for International Settlements in Basle.

Future outlook

During the coming years we intend to broaden our horizons by building on our existing international operations.

Whilst the slowdown in the U.K. economy will make for difficult trading conditions in the coming year, I am confident that planned developments will provide a sound basis for future growth, and that we will continue to consolidate our position as one of the leading U.K. financial services groups, having our headquarters firmly established in Scotland.

Sir Michael Herries
Chairman, The Royal Bank of Scotland Group plc

Mansfield jumps 15.6% to £4.3m

By Philip Pangalos

Mansfield Brewery, the east Midlands, Humberside and south Yorkshire brewer, lifted pre-tax profits by 15.6 per cent to £4.30 million for the six months to September 29, helped by a boost in beer sales during the warm summer.

Turnover advanced 19.5 per cent to £44.6 million, after higher take-home trade sales, and the introduction of Riding Traditional Dark Mild, which complements the successful Traditional Bitter launched two years ago. Operating profits increased from £4.94 million to £5.91 million.

Mr Geoffrey Kent, the chairman, said the warm summer had provided a welcome stimulus to beer sales resulting in similar volumes to last year in spite of last year's sale of 21 public houses.

Earnings per share rise 15.6 per cent to 17.8p, and the interim dividend is improved by 51.1 per cent to 3.4p. Given a reasonable Christmas trade, operating profits are expected to continue improving.



Geoffrey Kent: summer boost

But, said Mr Kent, with a high investment programme, up 38 per cent on last year, high interest costs would constrain the improvement in pre-tax profits until the benefits flow through in the following years.

The shares firmed 4p to 467p.

Warning of losses at Michael Peters

By Our City Staff

Shares in Michael Peters Group, the Unlisted Securities Market design and communications consultancy which recently announced 35 redundancies, fell 9p to 56p yesterday after a warning of first-half losses.

Earlier in the year, the company had given a warning of difficulties in the US market following a sharp contraction in margins.

Group pre-tax profits for the year to end-June were up 10 per cent to £2.34 million, on sales more than doubled to £45.82 million.

In North America, encouraging progress in the packaging and product development fields has been offset by the continuing instability of the US retail sector which has particularly affected Hambrecht Terrell, its retail design subsidiary. This will result in the group reporting a loss for half year to end-December 1989.

Mr Robert Silver, the deputy chairman, said new sources of business are being pursued, and the company has carried out significant cost-cutting measures in both Britain and America. In addition, the building of a network of continental European offices has now been completed.

The company said there should be no further deterioration in the group's "traditionally much stronger" second half, and the actions taken should ensure second-half results will approach originally budgeted levels — "given no further deterioration in trading conditions." However, end-year results will be below earlier expectations.

NatWest

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Bid failure places SAS 'top of airline league'

By Colin Narbrough

The unsuccessful battle by Scandinavian Airlines System with British Airways two years ago for control of British Caledonian was a blessing in disguise, according to Mr Jan Carlzon, the SAS president.

Since its partial bid failed to foil BA's £250 million cash offer, SAS, the carrier of which half is owned jointly by the governments of Sweden, Norway and Denmark, has built up a global network of alliances which includes a 25 per cent stake in Airlines of Britain Holdings, owner of British Midland.

Despite a halving of SAS profits to £56.5 million in the first half this year, a study by *Capital*, the West German business magazine, on how Europe's airlines are placed for the 1990s, puts SAS at the top, followed by UTA, of France, with BA third.

Mr Carlzon, in an interview with *The Times* on board the inaugural flight of SAS's newest route — Stockholm to Tallinn, the capital of Estonia — said: "Not succeeding with BCal was our biggest success."

He said it had given the airline industry an idea of what SAS was aiming for, made the medium-sized Scandinavian carrier an "interesting partner," and gave it the opportunity to buy into Britain much more cheaply.

The £25 million paid for the tie-up with British Midland, Britain's second largest carrier, was only a fraction of the sum that would have been needed to buy BCal, Mr Carlzon said. "And it helped damage the balance sheet of BA."

Important conditions attached to Government approval of the BCal takeover also forced BA to relinquish BCal take-off and landing slots at Heathrow airport, giving British Midland scope for developing its operations from Europe's leading airport.

Since then, SAS has forged links with British Midland, headed by Mr Michael Bishop, All Nippon Airways, Swissair, Finnair, Lan Chile, and Canadian International Airlines. It paid £292 million for a 40 per cent stake in the Inter-Continental Hotels chain and had already established ties with Continental Airlines and Thai Airways.

These links give SAS and its allies access to hub airports on all continents from a decentralized European base, giving as many one-stop connections as possible to worldwide destinations. Though some of the alliances will involve equity stakes or small cross-holdings, Mr Carlzon stressed that financial interests were not the main point. The strategy was to develop a common product recognizable to the customer and to compete with the larger carriers.

SAS sees ABH and London City Airways as an important British link. Mr Bishop, meanwhile, has shown no signs of wanting to give SAS control, and Mr Carlzon does not appear to be pushing for it.



Stategic £25m link into UK: Carlzon (left), of SAS, and Bishop, of ABH's British Midland

Drexel's rating reduced by S&P

New York — Standard & Poor's has downgraded Drexel Burnham Lambert's commercial paper in response to Drexel's weakening financial position.

Officials at Drexel, which is struggling to recover from losses in both revenue and staff, say the change will have no significant impact.

The commercial paper was downgraded to A-3 from A-2, but this has no direct impact on Drexel's activities in the high-yield "junk bond" market. Some on Wall Street fear, however, that the move could send further jitters through the junk bond market because of Drexel's pre-eminent position in it.

In downgrading the short-term debt, S&P noted the firm's weak operating performance and "vulnerability to adverse junk bond market conditions".

The rating agency said it believed the difficulties in the market would continue.

A lower rating on commercial paper would force Drexel to pay higher rates on the paper.

(New York Times)

Mine progress

Anglesey Mining says it is fast moving towards the production stage at its Parys Mountain operation in North Wales. In the six months to end-September, Anglesey spent £1.46 million on mineral properties and £210,000 on fixed assets.

K&K cash buy

Knobs & Knockers, the specialist retailer, is buying JD Beardmore & Co, the architectural ironmonger, from BTR for £600,000 cash, of which £300,000 is for existing stock. K&K is planning to change its name to Prior.

Talks ended

MBS, the computer services company, has ended talks with Ferrari Holdings, the computer systems group, regarding the possible acquisition by MBS of the issued capital of Ferrari.

Opec will breach new output limits Indonesia says

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Oil market predictions that the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is preparing to breach its new quota have been confirmed by Mr Ginanjar Kartasasmita, the Indonesian oil minister.

He said yesterday that Opec will produce about 22.5 million barrels per day in the first half of next year compared with its new quota ceiling of 22 million barrels per day.

However, although Mr Kartasasmita said that this will be in line with demand and that prices should remain stable, his statement has done little to reassure the world oil markets that this time Opec is determined to halt massive breaches of their quotas by countries such as Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates.

North Sea Brent crude, the most widely traded crude on the world markets, has dropped to $18.05 a barrel from $18.40 this week. Leading American oil companies have dropped the price they will pay for West Texas Intermediate. The best-selling US grade has fallen by 50 cents to $18.50 a barrel in the past 24 hours as traders have digested the details of the latest Opec agreement.

Mr Kartasasmita said that a production level of less than 22.5 million bpd would be too conservative and be bad for the market as it would send prices up too quickly.

He said the 22 million bpd ceiling Opec set in Vienna this week is a pragmatic approach which "assumed overproduction."

He added that the Opec ministers had rejected independent forecasts, which estimate demand will be about 21.5 million bpd in the first half of 1990, and forecasted that demand for the cartel's oil would be 22.5 million bpd later in the year.

"We have no confidence even in the projections done by our own secretariat. It has tended to predict on the conservative side," he said. "A figure of 21.5 million bpd is definitely on the low side and will create scarcity, unnecessary price rises and the urge within Opec to overproduce because of the lure of higher prices.

"There will be 22.5 million barrels a day production by Opec, which coincides with our demand projection.

"This number of barrels will just satisfy the need for oil and stabilize the market in the first half of 1990."

Paknet card service to start in spring

By Nick Nuttall, Technology Correspondent

Paknet, the credit card authorization system owned by Racal Telecom and Cable and Wireless, is to launch its service in the spring.

The decision follows a successful test launch of the rapid card authorization service at a Do It All do-it-yourself store, owned by WH Smith, in Swindon.

Instead of dial-up telephone lines — fraught with the possibility that connections may be unavailable — Paknet utilizes a radio terminal at check-out counters. The company claims it reduces the time taken to authorize a card from more than half a minute to just seven seconds.

Card authorization includes the transmission of data for electronic funds transfer to Barclay's Bank, which is handling all the company's Visa and Mastercard transactions.

The service will use existing carphone and radiopaging transmitters, but different channels.

Paknet believes the network will service 76 per cent of the British population by 1991.

Icahn to lift USX stake above 25%

New York — Mr Carl Icahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines, has asked the Justice Department and the Federal Trade Commission for clearance to buy more than 25 per cent of USX, America's largest steel company and owner of Marathon Oil.

Wall Street executives said that while Mr Icahn should be taken seriously, too much could be read into the application because he had made the same request last November and was just keeping his options open.

Mr Icahn heads a group with 33.9 million shares, or 13.25 per cent, of USX. Under the Hart-Scott-Rodino Act, he must reapply for approval because he did not act within a year on the authority granted him the first time. He asked for authorization to buy more than 15 per cent of the company and, depending on conditions, more than 25 per cent.

He won approval automatically the first time 30 days after he applied.

Mr William Keslar, a spokesman for USX, said Mr Icahn telephoned Mr Charles Corry, chairman of USX, to tell him of the new filing.

Mr Icahn's office said he was not available for comment. He told the Securities and Exchange Commission last month that he would continue to meet Mr Corry to promote changes at USX. Mr Icahn said at the time that he was considering proposing a possible merger or forming contracts with other parties interested in financing business deals.

(New York Times)

Bell Resources slumps to record 50 cent low

Sydney (Reuter) — Shares in Bell Resources, a subsidiary of the embattled Bond Corporation Holdings, fell to a record low of Aus50 cents on the Australian Stock Exchange as doubts intensified about the viability of the deal with Lion Nathan, the New Zealand brewer.

The shares fell 16 cents from Wednesday's close of 66 cents on a turnover of 800,000.

Shares in Bond Corporation fell by 2 cents to 26 cents. A broker blamed the Bell Resources fall on expectations that a plan to sell Bond's Australian brewing assets would have little chance of success.

Bond Corp and Lion Nathan on Monday said they had again postponed the Aus$2.5 billion (£1.25 billion) deal, this time to a week tomorrow, and were considering amending it.

ALPHA STOCKS

	Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000		Vol '000
ADT	494	CU	471	L&G	1,692	Scot & N	296
Abbey Nat	8,112	Cookson	1,591	Lloyds	1,384	Sears	2,840
Allid-Lyons	2,008	Courtaulds	1,476	Lloyds Abb	620	Sedgwick	2,153
Amstrad	3,024	Daigety	171	Lonrho	7,241	Shell	2,855
ASDA	527	Dixons	687	Lucas	485	Siebe	312
AB Foods	352	ECC	336	M&S	4,988	Slough	205
Argyll	1,059	Enterprise	523	Maxwell Cm	542	Smith & N	615
BAA	1,845	Ferranti	3,852	MB Group	583	SK Beech	2,436
BET	582	Fisons	1,879	MEPC	1,555	Smth WH	364
BTR	1,158	FKI	3,037	Midland	885	Smiths Ind	46
BAT	2,767	Gen Acc	321	Nat West	2,759	STC	221
Barclays	3,661	GEC	6,770	Next	3,442	Stern Chart	1,133
Bass	989	Glaxo	2,372	Nth Food	402	Storehse	762
Beazer	2,501	Globe Inv	387	P&O	719	Sun Alince	789
Bergld Ind	202	Glynwed	2,745	Pearl	5,833	T & N	858
BICC	773	Granada	835	Pearson	241	TI Group	292
Blue Arrow	15	Grand Met	3,498	Pilkington	1,483	Tarmac	2,513
Blue Circle	690	GUS 'A'	87	Polly Peck	974	Tate & Lyle	1,168
BOC	595	GRE	3,003	Prudential	4,721	Taylor Wood	321
Boots	1,582	GKN	1,348	Racal	6,847	TSB	3,014
BPB	2,827	Guinness	3,330	Racal Tele	1,896	Tesco	2,188
Br Aero	307	Hamm 'A'	216	Rk Hovis	487	Thorn EMI	912
Br Airways	2,396	Hanson	6,243	Rank	230	Trafalgar	1,223
Br Comm	2,619	H & C	2,378	R&C	98	THF	1,860
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Burton	1,541	Lasmo	641	Royal Bank	2,807	Williams	669
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Cooper Clarke (110p)	95 –1
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Hays New	105
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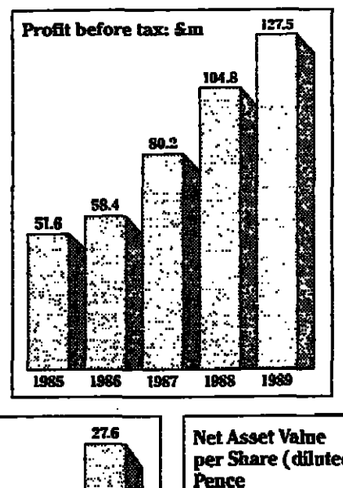
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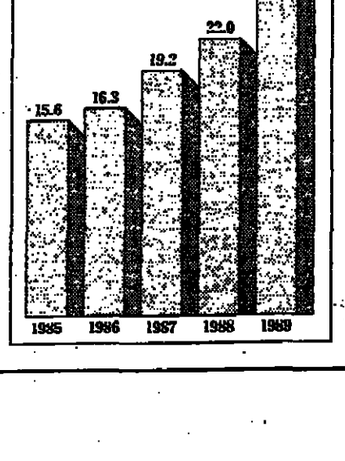
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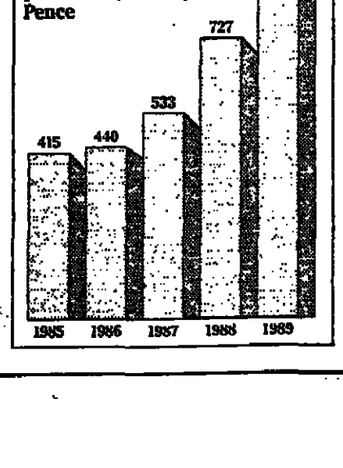
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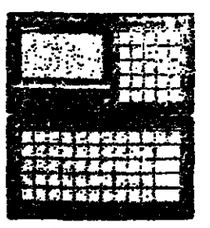
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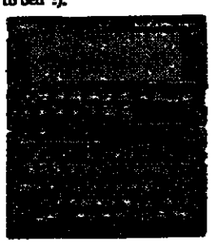
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The minimum investment is £240, of which £100 is payable now.

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Before deciding to apply for Shares you should consider carefully whether shares are a suitable investment for you. Their value can go down as well as up. If you need advice, you should consult a stockbroker, solicitor, accountant, bank manager or other professional adviser. The Council of The Stock Exchange has authorised the issue of this advertisement under section 154(1)(b) of the Financial Services Act 1986 without approving its contents. This advertisement is not for distribution outside the UK, nor should it be treated as an offer to sell or solicitation of any offer to buy any securities outside the UK.

APPLICATION AND INSTALMENT ARRANGEMENTS

(a) Applications
Applications must be received no later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 6th December, 1989. Instructions on how to return your completed application form are set out below.

(b) Allocations
The basis of allocation of the Shares in each Water Holding Company is expected to be announced by 5.00 p.m. on 11th December, 1989.
It is expected that Interim Certificates will be sent to applicants allocated Shares no later than 20th December, 1989.
If there is heavy demand for the Shares in any particular Water Holding Company, you may receive fewer Shares than you apply for in that Water Holding Company or, in some cases, none at all.
If no part of your application for Shares in any particular Water Holding Company is accepted, all money paid on application in respect of Shares in that company will be returned (without interest). If your application for Shares in any particular Water Holding Company is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque for the balance of the money paid on application in respect of Shares in that Water Holding Company.
The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, or scale down, any application.

(c) Dealing arrangements
Applicants should note that Interim Certificates are expected to be despatched to successful applicants under the Offers for Sale no later than 20th December, 1989. However, because of the desire of HM Government to ensure that the period of underwriting is kept to a minimum and because of the arrangements for the Overseas Offers, dealings are expected to commence in London at 9.00 a.m. on 12th December, 1989. Successful applicants wishing to sell entitlements to Shares before they have received an Interim Certificate should make their own arrangements with selling agents regarding dealing and deferred settlement.
Applicants who deal before receipt of an Interim Certificate will do so at their own risk.

(d) Further instalments
You will be sent reminders (call notices) in advance of the dates when the second and final instalments become payable. The reminders will be sent to your address on the relevant register at the time. If you sell your entitlement to Shares, the purchaser will become liable for any further instalments due (once the transfer has been registered).

SHARES OFFERED FOR SALE
The numbers of Shares being offered for sale in the UK and overseas are set out below:

Anglian	294,705,000	South West	122,248,000
Northumbrian	65,490,000	Thames	384,208,000
North West	355,829,000	Welsh	144,078,000
Severn Trent	353,646,000	Wessex	102,601,000
Southern	163,725,000	Yorkshire	196,470,000

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF APPLICATION

Except where expressly stated in any particular terms and conditions applicable to any offer comprised in an Offer for Sale or any of the Overseas Offers, these terms and conditions of application shall apply to all applications for Shares in the Combined Offers.

(a) Each duly submitted application form relating to Shares in more than one Water Holding Company will be deemed to constitute a separate application in respect of the Shares in each of the Water Holding Companies for which application is made on such application form. Acceptance of an application in respect of any particular Water Holding Company will be conditional on (1) the admission of the Shares of such Water Holding Company, issued and to be issued, to the Official List of The Stock Exchange becoming effective not later than 12th January, 1990; and (2) the provisions of the UK Underwriting Agreement referred to in Part 3 of Chapter IV of Section 1 of the document dated 22nd November, 1989 containing listing particulars relating to each of the Water Holding Companies (the "Prospectus") relating to termination not being implemented in respect of the Shares of such Water Holding Company and such Agreement having become unconditional in relation to such Water Holding Company. Application monies relating to an application for Shares in any particular Water Holding Company will be returned (without interest) if either of these conditions is not satisfied in respect of the Shares of such Water Holding Company and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be kept by a receiving banker appointed in connection with the Offers for Sale (a "receiving banker") in a separate account within that receiving banker or the Bank of England. Rights are reserved for the Secretary of State and his agents at any time after receipt to present for payment and otherwise process all remittances received and to have full access to all information relating to, or deriving from, such remittances and the processing thereof. Presentation of a remittance does not imply that any application(s) to which it relates will be accepted either in whole or in part. Rights are also reserved to treat as valid any application not in all respects completed in accordance with the instructions accompanying the relevant application form.

(b) Words and expressions defined in the Prospectus have the same meanings in these Terms and Conditions and in the application forms and accompanying guides (unless the context otherwise requires). Any references in these Terms and Conditions, the application forms and accompanying guides to the "Listing Particulars" in relation to a particular Water Holding Company means the listing particulars relating to the Shares of that Water Holding Company contained in the Prospectus, to the "Terms and Conditions" means these terms and conditions of application and to "Free Shares" means, in relation to the particular Water Holding Company designated, the Shares of that Water Holding Company available in the Free and Matching Offers for that Water Holding Company.
Any reference in the application forms, accompanying guides and other terms and conditions and agreements referred to therein (if any) to any term which is defined in the Prospectus and which is preceded by reference to a Water Holding Company shall have the meaning given to that term in the Prospectus but in relation to that Water Holding Company only.
Where these Terms and Conditions are inconsistent with the express terms of an application form or its accompanying guide (including any other terms and conditions and agreements referred to therein) such express terms shall prevail in relation to an application made on that form to the extent of the inconsistency.

(c) Acceptance of an application made by or on behalf of an eligible individual who has applied for the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus or the Non-Customer Share Bonus will entitle that individual to the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus or the Non-Customer Share Bonus (as the case may be) on the terms, and subject to the conditions, set out in Chapter V of Section 1 of the Prospectus.

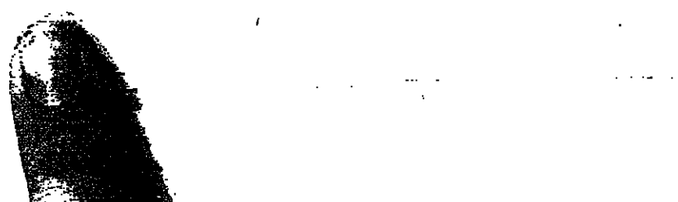
(d) By completing and delivering an application form you, in relation to each application for Shares in a Water Holding Company made on that application form:
(i) offer to purchase from the Secretary of State at the Offer Price the number of Shares in that Water Holding Company specified in your application form (or such smaller number for which the application is accepted) on the terms of, and subject to the conditions set out in, the Prospectus, such application form, its accompanying guide and other terms and conditions and agreements referred to therein (if any) and the Instalment Agreement (and, in due course, subject to the Memorandum and Articles of Association of such Water Holding Company) and on the basis of the information contained in the Listing Particulars relating to that Water Holding Company and you agree to become a party to and be bound by all relevant provisions of the Instalment Agreement;
(ii) as a collateral contract between you and the Secretary of State which will become binding on posting to, or (in the case of delivery in any other manner) receipt by, a receiving banker of your application and in consideration of the Secretary of State agreeing that he will not, prior to 13th January, 1990 offer any of the Shares in that Water Holding Company to any person other than by means of one of the procedures referred to in the Prospectus:
(1) agree that your application cannot be revoked prior to 13th January, 1990;
(2) warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation and agree that any Interim Certificate and any monies returnable may be held pending clearance of your payment and will not bear interest; and
(3) warrant that you will promptly on request disclose in writing to the Secretary of State any information as he may require about your interest (interpreted in accordance with the Articles of Association of that Water Holding Company summarised in Chapter IV of Section 1 of the Prospectus), or which is known to you about the interest (as so interpreted) of any other person, in the share capital of that Water Holding Company;
(iii) if you complete a box to apply for the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus or the Non-Customer Share Bonus, thereby:
(1) warrant that you are eligible to do so in accordance with the provisions set out in Chapter V of Section 1 of the Prospectus (and that, if you are applying on behalf of another person, such person is so eligible to receive the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus or the Non-Customer Share Bonus, as the case may be) and, in particular, that no other application for Shares in any Water Holding Company has been made for your own benefit by you or on your behalf (or, if you are applying on behalf of another person, by or on behalf of and for the benefit of such person) to your knowledge, in either case in respect of which an application for the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus or the Non-Customer Share Bonus, as the case may be, has been made;
(2) agree that, if you complete boxes to apply for both the Customer Discount and the Customer Share Bonus, you will be deemed to have applied for the Customer Share Bonus only;
(3) agree that, if you complete boxes to apply for the Customer Discount, the Customer Share Bonus and the Non-Customer Share Bonus (in that or in any other Water Holding Company), you will be deemed to have applied for the Customer Share Bonus only;
(4) agree that, if you complete boxes to apply for either the Customer Discount or the Customer Share Bonus as well as the Non-Customer Share Bonus (in that or in any other Water Holding Company), you will be deemed to have applied for either the Customer Discount or the Customer Share Bonus (whichever one you shall have applied for) only; and
(5) agree that, if you complete boxes applying for the Non-Customer Share Bonus in that and in any other Water Holding Company, you will not receive the Non-Customer Share Bonus for any Water Holding Company;
(iv) declare that you are not a US person or Canadian person, each as defined under "Overseas applicants" in Chapter V of Section 1 of the Prospectus, or any other person referred to in the second paragraph thereof, and that you are not applying on behalf of or with a view to resale to, any such person and agree that an application from or made on behalf of (or suspected to be from or made on behalf of) such a person may be rejected;
(v) agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts resulting therefrom under the Offers for Sale shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of England and Wales and, for the benefit of each of the addressees of the application form referred to in paragraph (xiii) below, you submit to the jurisdiction of the courts of England and Wales and further agree that nothing in this paragraph (v) shall limit the right of any such addressee to bring any suit, action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with any such application, acceptance of an application or contract in any other manner permitted by law or in any other court of competent jurisdiction;
(vi) warrant that:
(1) (if the application is made for your own benefit) no other application for Shares in that Water Holding Company (other than any application(s) which you are entitled to make as an eligible employee under the Free and Matching Offers for that Water Holding Company) is being made for your own benefit by you or by anyone applying as your agent (other than a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager) or, to your knowledge, by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager or by any other person;
(2) (if the application is made by you as agent for, or for the benefit of, another person) no other application is being made by you for Shares in that Water Holding Company (other than in relation to any application(s) which such person is entitled to make as an eligible employee under the Free and Matching Offers for that Water Holding Company) as agent for or for the benefit of that person or, to your knowledge, by that person or by any other person;
(3) if you sign the application form purporting to be the agent or attorney for someone else, you have due authority to do so on behalf of that other person and undertake to enclose your power of attorney or a copy thereof certified by a solicitor (or a note stating that one has already been submitted) where this is required by the guide to completing such application form; and
(4) if your application, together with any other application, were accepted in full, you would not be interested (as defined in Article 53 of the Articles of Association of that Water Holding Company) in Shares representing 15 per cent. or more of the issued share capital of that Water Holding Company;
(vii) agree that, in respect of those Shares for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the Secretary of State, either (1) by notification to The Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or (2) by notification of acceptance thereof to the relevant receiving banker;
(viii) authorise the relevant receiving banker and the relevant Custodian Bank (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) (1) to send an Interim Certificate in respect of the number of Shares in that Water Holding Company for which your application is accepted and/or a cheque for any money returnable by post at your risk to the address of the person (or, in the case of joint applicants, the first person) named in the application form and to procure that your name is (and the names of any other joint applicant(s) are) placed on the Register of Interim Rights in respect of such Shares and (2) once the final instalment is paid in respect of such Shares, to procure that your name is (and the name(s) of any other joint applicant(s) are) placed on the register of members of that Water Holding Company in respect of such Shares the entitlement to which is evidenced by Interim Certificates and the right to which has not been effectively transferred; and in these Terms and Conditions references to rights being effectively transferred mean the transferee(s) being registered by a Custodian Bank (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) in relation to such rights, references to Interim Certificates include Package Certificates and references to the Register of Interim Rights include the Package Register;
(ix) agree that all documents in connection with the Offers for Sale may be sent by post at your risk to the person (or, in the case of joint applicants, the first person) named in the application form to his or her address set out therein or such other address as may from time to time appear in the Register of Interim Rights or the register of members of that Water Holding Company against the name of such person;
(x) agree that (without prejudice to the provisions of the Instalment Agreement):
(1) time of payment by you shall be of the essence of each contract constituted by acceptance of your application and that you will pay the second instalment by not later than 3.00 p.m. on 31st July, 1990 and the final instalment by not later than 3.00 p.m. on 30th July, 1991 for each Share in that Water Holding Company in respect of which your application is accepted and the right to which has not been effectively transferred by you prior to the relevant time and date (and that any payments of £100,000 or more due by you in respect of the second or final instalment for any Shares shall be paid for value by such times respectively);
(2) if your remittance in respect of the first instalment payable on any Share in that Water Holding Company is not honoured on first presentation (without prejudice to any obligations you may have under the Instalment Agreement) you will not, as against the Secretary of State, be entitled: (a) to receive an Interim Certificate in respect of the Interim Rights relating to that Share; (b) to become a Registered Holder in respect of the Interim Rights relating to that Share; or (c) to enjoy or receive any rights or distributions in respect of that Share unless and until you make payment in cleared funds in respect of that Share and such payment is accepted by the Secretary of State (which acceptance shall be in his absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify), and that at any time prior to unconditional acceptance by the Secretary of State of such late payment in respect of that Share the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) avoid the agreement to sell that Share and may resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will not be entitled to any refund or payment in respect of that Share;
(3) if you fail to make payment of the second instalment when due in respect of any Share in that Water Holding Company (without prejudice to any obligations you may have under the Instalment Agreement), you will not, as against the Secretary of State, be entitled: (a) (notwithstanding that you may hold an Interim Certificate) to receive an Interim Certificate in respect of the Interim Rights relating to that Share receipted as to payment of the second instalment; or (b) to enjoy or receive any rights or distributions in respect of that Share unless and until you make payment in cleared funds in respect of that Share and such payment is accepted by the Secretary of State (which acceptance shall be in his absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify), and that at any time prior to unconditional acceptance by the Secretary of State of such late payment in respect of that Share the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) avoid the agreement to sell that Share and may resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will be entitled to no more than the return (without interest) of the amount paid in respect of the first instalment (if such has been paid and subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) after the deduction of certain losses, costs, charges and expenses relating to the resale determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, you will have no right to receive any payment of less than £2.50 which would otherwise be due to you; and
(4) if you fail to make payment of the final instalment when due in respect of any Share in that Water Holding Company (without prejudice to any obligations you may have under the Instalment Agreement), you will not, as against the Secretary of State, be entitled: (a) (notwithstanding that you may hold an Interim Certificate) to receive an Interim Certificate in respect of the Interim Rights relating to that Share receipted as to payment of the final instalment; or (b) to receive a transfer of that Share; or (c) to enjoy or receive any rights or distributions in respect of that Share unless and until you make payment in cleared funds in respect of that Share and such payment is accepted by the Secretary of State (which acceptance shall be in his absolute discretion and may be on the basis that you pay default interest as set out in the Instalment Agreement and/or such other amount as the Secretary of State may specify), and that at any time prior to unconditional acceptance by the Secretary of State of such late payment in respect of that Share the Secretary of State may (without prejudice to his other rights) avoid the agreement to sell that Share and may resell that Share to some other person, in which case you will be entitled to no more than the return (without interest) of the amount paid in respect of the first instalment and the second instalment (if such have been paid and subject to adjustment in the event of a capitalisation issue) after the deduction of certain losses, costs, charges and expenses relating to the resale determined in accordance with the Instalment Agreement. However, you will have no right to receive any payment of less than £2.50 which would otherwise be due to you;
(xi) agree that you will accept such Shares as may be allocated to you in accordance with the provisions described under "Applications and Dealings" in Chapter V of Section 1 of the Prospectus, acknowledge that the Secretary of State reserves the right to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any application (including, without limitation, multiple or suspected multiple applications) and agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be entitled to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;
(xii) confirm that, in making your application for Shares in that Water Holding Company, you are not relying on any information or representation in relation to the Water Holding Companies, any of their subsidiaries (including the Water Service Companies) or the Offers for Sale other than information and representations in relation to that Water Holding Company contained in the Listing Particulars for the Shares in that company or in the Mini Prospectus taken together with such Listing Particulars (the "prospectuses") and accordingly you agree that no person responsible (solely or jointly) for the prospectuses or any part of them shall have any liability for any information or representation other than that contained as aforesaid;
(xiii) agree that such application form is addressed to the Secretary of State, Schroders, each of the receiving bankers, the relevant Custodian Bank (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) and each of the Water Holding Companies for which application is made on that application form and that, without limitation, the benefit of paragraphs (d)(v) and (vii) above shall extend to such persons;
(xiv) agree on request promptly to disclose in writing to the Secretary of State or his agents any information which he or they may request in connection with your application;
(xv) agree that any Interim Certificate and application monies to which any applicant suspected to be in breach of paragraphs (d)(iii), (iv) or (vi) above may be entitled, may be held (without interest) pending the conclusion of any investigation or any proceedings in relation thereto;
(xvi) agree that if such application is made on behalf of another person by his/her agent or attorney, that other person shall also be bound by these Terms and Conditions; and
(xvii) agree that, in relation to the first instalment and in the absence of express direction by you to the contrary:
(1) if the amount of your remittance exceeds the amount payable in respect of the first instalment for the number of Shares to which your application relates (or, if it relates also to amounts payable in respect of applications for Shares in another Water Holding Company(ies), exceeds the aggregate amount payable in respect of all such application(s)), then, if and to the extent that your application would otherwise be valid or treated as valid, your application for that number of Shares in that Water Holding Company (and, as the case may be, the other Water Holding Company(ies)), may be treated as valid and the balance of the amount of your remittance returned to you in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ix) above;
(2) subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, if the amount of your remittance relates only to an application in respect of a particular Water Holding Company and is less than the amount payable in respect of the first instalment for the Shares to which your application relates, then, if and to the extent that your application would otherwise be valid or treated as valid, you will be deemed to have made a valid application for the largest denomination of Shares (if any) as referred to in the relevant guide to the application form the amount payable in respect of which such remittance is sufficient to satisfy and the balance (if any) of the amount of your remittance will be returned to you in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ix) above; and if the amount of your remittance is not large enough to cover the amount now payable in respect of any such denomination of Shares, your application will be rejected;
(3) if your remittance relates to the first instalment payable in respect of applications for Shares in more than one Water Holding Company and the amount of such remittance is less than the aggregate amount payable in respect of your applications for Shares in all such Water Holding Companies, then, if and to the extent that each such application would otherwise be accepted, you will be deemed:
(A) firstly, to have instructed the relevant receiving banker to appropriate the amount of your remittance in satisfaction of the amount payable in respect of your application for Shares in the Water Holding Company (if any) for which you have applied for the Customer Share Bonus or the Customer Discount or the Non-Customer Share Bonus and, if the amount of your remittance is sufficient, your application for such Shares may be treated as valid and, if the amount of your remittance is less than the amount payable in respect of such Shares, the provisions of sub-paragraph (2) above will apply in relation to that Water Holding Company and all your applications for Shares in other Water Holding Companies will be rejected;
(B) secondly, and subject to sub-paragraph (A) above, to have instructed the relevant receiving banker to appropriate the amount of your remittance in satisfaction of the amount payable in respect of your application(s) in descending order of application size (application size for this purpose meaning the amount of the first instalment payable in respect of such application(s)) and, to the extent that such amount (or any such balance after any of the provisions of sub-paragraph (A) above have been applied) is sufficient, each such application, in turn, may be treated as valid and, where such amount (or such balance) is insufficient to cover the amount payable in respect of any such application, you will be deemed to have applied for the largest denomination of Shares (if any) as referred to in the relevant guide to the application form the amount payable in respect of which such amount (or such balance) is sufficient to cover and all your remaining applications (if any) for Shares in other Water Holding Companies may be rejected;
(C) thirdly, if after applying any of the provisions of sub-paragraphs (A) and (B) above there are two or more applications for the same denomination of Shares and the balance (or amount, as the case may be) of your remittance is not sufficient to cover the amount payable in respect of both or, as the case may be, all of them, to have instructed the relevant receiving banker to appropriate the amount of your remittance in satisfaction of the amount payable in respect of the largest denomination of Shares (if any) as referred to in the relevant guide to the application form in relation to both or, as the case may be, all of such applications which such balance (or such amount) is sufficient to cover and if there is no such lower valid denomination of Shares in relation to both or, as the case may be, all of such applications which the balance (or amount) of your remittance is sufficient to cover, both or all such applications may be rejected; and
(D) fourthly, to have agreed that, after applying the amount of your remittance to satisfy the amount payable in respect of any application in accordance with any of the provisions set out in sub-paragraphs (A), (B) and (C) above, any balance of such amount may be returned to you in accordance with the provisions of paragraph (ix) above.

(e) The receiving bankers and the Custodian Banks (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) will be processing the information you supply in connection with your application on behalf of the Secretary of State for the Environment and/or the Secretary of State for Wales. The Department of the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales are registered data users under the Data Protection Act 1984. The information you supply will be used to compile and maintain lists, registers and indices of applicants for Shares or Interim Rights and those allocated Shares or Interim Rights and for other purposes connected with the Combined Offers or other privatisations. The information will not be disclosed to any person other than individuals and organisations concerned with the Combined Offers and Government departments concerned with other privatisations and other than in the case of certain information supplied by successful applicants which will be contained in Registers of Interim Rights (and subsequently, if relevant, registers of members) which will be open to inspection by the public and certain information which will be supplied to members of the police forces, where relevant, for the purposes of compiling lists of multiple applicants or suspected multiple applicants.

(f) Neither Schroders nor either of the Custodian Banks (as defined in the Instalment Agreement) will treat you as its customer by virtue of your making an application for Shares or by virtue of such application being accepted. In particular, they will not owe you any duties or responsibilities concerning the price of such Shares nor concerning the suitability of Shares for you. You are recommended to seek your own personal financial advice when considering whether to make an application.

(g) No person receiving a copy of the Prospectus and/or an application form in any territory other than the UK, the Channel Islands, the Isle of Man or the EC may treat the same as constituting an invitation or offer to him, nor should he in any event use such application form unless, in the relevant territory, such an invitation or offer could lawfully be made to him or such form could lawfully be used without contravention by any person of any registration or other regulatory or legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK receiving a copy of the Prospectus and/or an application form and wishing to make an application to satisfy himself as to full observance of the laws of any relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of requisite governmental and other consents or the observance of any other requisite formalities and the payment of any issue, transfer or other taxes due in such territory.

(h) The Shares have not been, and will not be, registered under the US Securities Act of 1933, as amended, in connection with the Combined Offers. They may not be offered or sold, directly or indirectly, in the US (such term having the meaning set out in Chapter V of Section 1 of the Prospectus).



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THE WATER SHARE OFFERS GUIDE TO COMPLETING THE PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

- Wherever possible, please use a personalised application form in respect of the Water Holding Companies in which you wish to apply for Shares. A personalised application form will have been sent to you if you were registered with The Water Share Information Office by midnight on 15th November, 1989.
- You may apply for Shares in any or all of the Water Holding Companies, but no more than one application for Shares in any particular Water Holding Company may be made for the benefit of any person.
  The only exceptions are:
  (i) an application made for the benefit of, but without the knowledge of, such person by a discretionary Personal Equity Plan manager; and
  (ii) any application(s) an eligible employee may make under the Free and Matching Offers for the relevant Water Holding Company.
- If you wish to make an application for Shares in more than one Water Holding Company you may do so using separate public application forms.
- You may only apply for Shares in one Water Holding Company on each public application form.
- You should return your completed application form, together with your cheque or bankers' draft for the amount now payable, to arrive no later than 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 6th December, 1989. See the instructions set out opposite on how to return your completed application form.
- *Photocopies of application forms will not be accepted in any circumstances.*

The Department of the Environment and the Secretary of State for Wales are registered data users under the Data Protection Act 1984 and your attention is drawn to paragraph (e) of the Terms and Conditions set out above.

1 **Put in Box 1 your full name and address (please use BLOCK CAPITALS).**

You may use this application form to apply for the benefit of your child, grandchild or ward under the age of 18. To do this, you must write your full name in Box 1 and after your surname write "A/C" followed by the initials of the child. If you apply for Shares on behalf of a child, you may also apply for Shares separately for your own benefit.

No one under the age of 18 may apply for Shares in his/her own name. If you wish to apply for Shares with another adult, see Note 8.

2 **The names of the ten Water Holding Companies are listed in Box 2. Write the name of the ONE Water Holding Company in which you wish to apply for Shares on this form in Box 2. Please use BLOCK CAPITALS.**

IF YOU DO NOT COMPLETE BOX 2, YOUR APPLICATION MAY BE REJECTED.

3 **You may only apply for Shares in any Water Holding Company in one of the amounts set out in the table below. Please put in Box 3 the number of Shares (in figures) for which you wish to apply.**

Number of Shares for which you are applying	Amount you pay now at 100p per Share	Your total payment at 240p per Share	Number of Shares for which you are applying	Amount you pay now at 100p per Share	Your total payment at 240p per Share
100	£100	£240	1,500	£1,500	£3,600
200	£200	£480	2,000	£2,000	£4,800
300	£300	£720	3,000	£3,000	£7,200
500	£500	£1,200	4,000	£4,000	£9,600
800	£800	£1,920	5,000	£5,000	£12,000
1,000	£1,000	£2,400	10,000	£10,000	£24,000

Above 10,000 Shares, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications for	*In multiples of*
10,000 to 50,000 Shares	5,000 Shares
50,000 to 100,000 Shares	10,000 Shares
over 100,000 Shares	50,000 Shares

4 Payment for Shares in each of the Water Holding Companies is in three instalments. For applications for up to 10,000 Shares, the amount of the first instalment (which you need to pay now) is shown in the middle column of the table in Note 3.

Put in Box 4 the amount (in figures) you need to pay now for the number of Shares you have put in Box 3.

The second and final instalments are payable in July 1990 and July 1991 respectively. You will be sent reminders in plenty of time.

5 **WARNING**

Criminal proceedings may be instituted against anyone knowingly making or authorising more than one application for Shares in any one Water Holding Company for the benefit of any person. This applies whether the application is made solely or jointly with other persons. The only exceptions are any other application(s) an eligible employee may make under the Free and Matching Offers for the relevant Water Holding Company.

6 **Please read the warning in Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5 carefully before you sign and date the form in Box 6.**

The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he/she is duly authorised to do so. An agent must enclose the original power of attorney appointing him/her (or a copy certified by a solicitor) unless he/she is a selling agent, financial intermediary or UK Clearing Bank (as referred to in Part 4 of Chapter IV of Section 1 of the Prospectus) and states the capacity in which he/she signs.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official, whose representative capacity must be stated.

If you are applying for the benefit of someone under the age of 18, you, rather than that person, must sign the application form.

7 **Pin to Box 7 either a cheque or a bankers' draft, made payable to "Water Share Offers", for the amount you have put in Box 4. Please ensure that the cheque is crossed and write on it "Not Negotiable". A separate cheque or bankers' draft must accompany each application.**

You will not be sent a receipt for your payment.

Your cheque or bankers' draft must be drawn in sterling on an account at a bank branch in the United Kingdom, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque from your building society or a bank branch, in which case you should write your full name and address on the back of the cheque.

The application form may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than you. In this case you should write your full name and address on the back of the cheque.

Any monies returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not Negotiable A/C Payee Only" in favour of the first-named applicant.

8 **You may apply with up to three other people, but only if:**

(i) you are all over the age of 18; and

(ii) no other application for Shares in the Water Holding Company for which you are applying on this form is being made for your benefit or for the benefit of any of the other joint applicants. There are two exceptions which are set out in the introduction to this guide.

Each of the joint applicants should read carefully the warning in Note 5 and the declaration in Box 5 before completing and signing in Box 8.

The application form may be signed by someone else on behalf of the joint applicant(s). Please refer to Note 6.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR RETURN OF YOUR APPLICATION FORM

SEND YOUR COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM BY POST (OR TAKE IT BY HAND) TO ARRIVE NO LATER THAN 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1989, at the appropriate receiving bank address for the Water Holding Company in which you have applied for Shares on this form as set out below:

Water Holding Company	Receiving Bank	Address
Anglian	Midland Bank plc	Stock Exchange Services, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA
Northumbrian	Bank of Scotland	New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 0LA
North West	Midland Bank plc	Stock Exchange Services, Mariner House, Pepys Street, London EC3N 4DA
Severn Trent	Lloyds Bank Plc	Registrar's Department, Issue Section, PO Box 1000, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3LB
Southern	Bank of Scotland	New Issues Department, Apex House, 9 Haddington Place, Edinburgh EH7 0LA
South West	Lloyds Bank Plc	Registrar's Department, Issue Section, PO Box 1000, 11 Bishopsgate, London EC2N 3LB
Thames	Barclays Bank PLC	Registration and New Issues, PO Box No 123, Fleetway House, 25 Farringdon Street, London EC4A 4HD
Welsh	National Westminster Bank PLC	Registrar's Department, PO Box No 663, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 1XU
Wessex	National Westminster Bank PLC	Registrar's Department, PO Box No 663, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS99 1XU
Yorkshire	The Royal Bank of Scotland plc	Registrar's Department, PO Box No 7, Canning House, 19 Canning Street, Edinburgh EH3 8TE

YOU ARE ADVISED TO USE FIRST CLASS POST AND ALLOW AT LEAST TWO DAYS FOR DELIVERY

OR

TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE 3.30 P.M. ON TUESDAY, 5TH DECEMBER, 1989 to any UK branch of National Westminster Bank PLC or Lloyds Bank Plc or in Scotland to any branch of Bank of Scotland or in Northern Ireland to any branch of Ulster Bank Limited

OR

TAKE THIS FORM BY HAND BEFORE 10.00 A.M. ON WEDNESDAY, 6TH DECEMBER, 1989 TO ANY OF THE ADDITIONAL RECEIVING CENTRES LISTED BELOW

Additional receiving centres

(open only for deliveries by hand and only until 10.00 a.m. on Wednesday, 6th December, 1989)

Aberdeen
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc,
12 Golden Square,
Aberdeen

Belfast
Ulster Bank Limited,
Personal Investment Unit,
85/90 High Street,
Belfast

Birmingham
Lloyds Bank Plc,
125 Colmore Row,
Birmingham

Brighton
Lloyds Bank Plc,
171/173 North Street,
Brighton

Bristol
National Westminster Bank PLC,
32 Corn Street,
Bristol

Cambridge
Lloyds Bank Plc,
3 Sidney Street,
Cambridge

Cardiff
National Westminster Bank PLC,
117 St. Mary Street,
Cardiff

Dundee
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc,
3 High Street,
Dundee

Edinburgh
The Royal Bank of Scotland plc,
36 St. Andrew Square,
Edinburgh

Exeter
Lloyds Bank Plc,
234 High Street,
Exeter

Glasgow
Bank of Scotland,
110 St. Vincent Street,
Glasgow

Inverness
Bank of Scotland,
9 High Street,
Inverness

Leeds
National Westminster Bank PLC,
8 Park Row,
Leeds

Leicester
Barclays Bank PLC,
Town Hall Square,
Leicester

Lincoln
Barclays Bank PLC,
316/318 High Street,
Lincoln

Liverpool
Lloyds Bank Plc,
India Buildings,
Water Street,
Liverpool

London
National Westminster Bank PLC,
New Issues Department,
2 Princes Street,
London EC2

Lloyds Bank Plc,
Registrar's Department,
Issue Section,
11 Bishopsgate,
London EC2

Manchester
National Westminster Bank PLC,
55 King Street,
Manchester

Newcastle Upon Tyne
Bank of Scotland,
62/68 Grey Street,
Newcastle Upon Tyne

Northampton
Midland Bank plc,
3 Wood Hill,
Northampton

Norwich
Midland Bank plc,
18 London Street,
Norwich

Nottingham
Barclays Bank PLC,
Old Market Square,
Nottingham

Oxford
Barclays Bank PLC,
54 Commarket Street,
Oxford

Peterborough
Lloyds Bank Plc,
Aragon Court,
Northminster Road,
Peterborough

Plymouth
Midland Bank plc,
4 Old Town Street,
Plymouth

Sheffield
Midland Bank plc,
17 Church Street,
Sheffield

Shrewsbury
Midland Bank plc,
33 High Street,
Shrewsbury

Southampton
Lloyds Bank Plc,
19/21 High Street,
Southampton

Swansea
National Westminster Bank PLC,
9 Belle Vue Way,
Swansea

THE WATER SHARE OFFERS PUBLIC APPLICATION FORM

Before completing this form, please read carefully the guide opposite

Please use BLOCK CAPITALS

1

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	Surname
Forename(s) in full	
Address	
	Postcode

2 I/We offer to purchase Shares in the ONE Water Holding Company indicated below on and subject to the Terms and Conditions set out in the Prospectus dated 22nd November, 1989.

Please refer to the introduction to the guide opposite if you wish to apply for Shares in more than one Water Holding Company

ANGLIAN	**SOUTHERN**	**WELSH**
NORTHUMBRIAN	**SOUTH WEST**	**WESSEX**
NORTH WEST	**THAMES**	**YORKSHIRE**
SEVERN TRENT		

Put here in BLOCK CAPITALS the name of the ONE Water Holding Company in which you are applying for Shares on this form

3 Number of Shares for which you are applying

Put here the number of Shares for which you want to apply

4 Amount **now** payable £

Put here the amount now payable

5 *I declare that to my knowledge there is no other application being made for my benefit (or that of any person for whose benefit I am applying) for Shares in the Water Holding Company for which I have applied on this form, except for any other application(s) I am (or any such person is) entitled to make as an employee under the Free and Matching Offers for that Water Holding Company. I have read the warning in Note 5 of the guide opposite.*

Read carefully before signing in Box 6

6 *Signature* Date , 1989

Sign and date here

7 ☐ Pin here your cheque/bankers' draft for the exact amount in Box 4, payable to **"Water Share Offers"** and crossed **"Not Negotiable"**.

Attach your payment for the amount in Box 4

8 **JOINT APPLICANTS**

The first applicant must complete Boxes 1, 2, 3 and 4 and sign and date in Box 6. The names of any joint applicants must be inserted below in BLOCK CAPITALS and they each must sign in the right hand column below against their name.
I/We join in this application and give the declaration set out in Box 5.

JOINT APPLICANTS MUST SIGN HERE

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature
2nd joint applicant			
3rd joint applicant			
4th joint applicant			

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Those claiming commission (or reallowance of commission) should stamp the box applicable to them.

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of financial intermediary claiming reallowance of commission and VAT reg. no.
(If not registered for VAT, put "none")	(If not registered for VAT, put "none")
Acceptance no.	Shares accepted
Commissions calculated	Commissions calculated

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

● Ex dividend. c Cum dividend. k Cum stock split. s Ex stock split. m Cum (any two or more of above). a Ex all (any two or more of above). Dealing or valuation days: (1) Monday. (2) Tuesday. (3) Wednesday. (4) Thursday. (5) Friday.

UNLISTED SECURITIES

● Ex dividend a Ex all b Forecast dividend e Interim payment passed f Price at suspension g Dividend and yield exclude a special payment k Pre-merger figures n Forecast earnings o Ex other r Ex rights s Ex scrip or share split t Tax-free .. No significant data.

THIRD MARKET

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Exchange index compared with 1985 was up at 86.4 (day's range 86.3-86.6).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 30

	Range	Close	1 month	3 month
New Yrk	1.5665-1.5700	1.5685-1.5695	0.84-0.82pr	2.50-2.48pr
Montrl	1.8234-1.8298	1.8242-1.8277	0.45-0.39pr	0.92-0.86pr
Amstrdm	3.1495-3.1738	3.1495-3.1531	1⅜-1⅛pr	5⅛-4⅞pr
Brussels	58.55-59.13	58.55-58.75	27-25pr	75-71pr
Copnhgn	10.8501-10.9178	10.8501-10.8727	2⅞-2⅜pr	8⅛-7⅝pr
Dublin	1.0582-1.0684	1.0588-1.0598	40-35pr	96-85pr
Frankft	2.7904-2.8123	2.7904-2.7937	1⅝-1½pr	4⅞-4⅝pr
Lisbon	242.81-244.68	243.12-244.06	2pr-45ds	103-214ds
Madrid	179.83-181.18	179.83-180.34	4pr-4ds	7pr-6ds
Milan	2055.52-2072.79	2055.52-2059.97	5-3pr	12-10pr
Oslo	10.6839-10.7388	10.6815-10.7040	3-2⅝pr	7⅞-6⅞pr
Paris	9.5239-9.5864	9.5239-9.5379	3⅞-3⅜pr	10⅝-9⅞pr
Stckhlm	9.9935-10.0496	10.0102-10.0260	3⅜-2⅞pr	7⅝-7⅛pr
Tokyo	223.30-224.12	223.82-224.12	1⅞-1½pr	4⅞-4½pr
Vienna	19.7183-19.7781	19.7435-19.7718	11⅛-10⅝pr	31⅝-28⅝pr
Zurich	2.4947-2.5033	2.4947-2.4979	1⅝-1½pr	4½-4⅜pr

Premium = pr. Discount = ds.

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral*	1018.22-1026
Australia dollar	2.0031-2.0
Bahrain dinar	0.5875-0.5
Brazil cruzado *	11.4854-11.9
Cyprus pound	0.7625-0.7
Finland marka	6.5690-6.0
Greece drachma	256.15-25
Hong Kong dollar	12.2414-12.8
India rupee	26.44-2
Kuwait dinar KD	0.4520-0.0
Malaysia ringgit	4.2359-43
Mexico peso	41356
New Zealand dollar	2.6562-27
Saudi Arabia riyal	5.8415-55
Singapore dollar	3.0452-38
S Africa rand (fin)	6.1191-61
S Africa rand (com)	4.0807-41
U A E dirham	5.720

*Lloyds Bank. Rates supplied by Extel and Barclays Bank GTS

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.4765-1.4780	Denmark	6.9325-6.9375	Italy	1313.5-15
Singapore	1.9440-1.9450	W Germany	1.7835-1.7845	Belgium (Com)	37.49-4
Malaysia	2.7015-2.7025	Switzerland	1.5932-1.5942	Hong Kong	7.8145-75
Australia	1.2771-1.2787	Netherlands	2.0125-2.0135	Portugal	155.90-00
Canada	1.1630-1.1640	France	6.0840-6.0890	Spain	115.05-15
Sweden	6.3775-6.3825	Japan	142.60-142.70	Austria	12.57-8
Norway	6.8100-6.8150				

Rates supplied by Barclays Bank GTS and Extel.

MONEY MARKETS

Base Rates %: Clearing Banks 15 Finance Hse 15½
Discount Market Loans %
Overnight High: 16% Low 13 Week fixed: 14%
Treasury Bills (Discount %)
Buying: 2 mth – 14¾ 3 mth – 14⅝
Selling: 2 mth – 14²³⁄₃₂ 3 mth – 14¹⁹⁄₃₂
Prime Bank Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 14¹³⁄₁₆-²³⁄₃₂
2 mth: 14²⁵⁄₃₂-14⅝ 3 mth: 14²¹⁄₃₂-14⅝ 6 mth 14⁷⁄₃₂-14
Trade Bills (Discount %): 1 mth: 15⁷⁄₁₆
2 mth: 15¹³⁄₃₂ 3 mth: 15⁹⁄₃₂ 6 mth 14²¹⁄₃₂
Interbank (%). Overnight: open 14¾ close 15
1 week: 15-14⅞ 1 mth: 15⁵⁄₃₂-15⅛ 3 mth: 15⅛-15¹⁄₁₆
6 mth: 15⅛-15¹⁄₁₆ 9 mth: 14¹⁵⁄₁₆-14⅞ 12 mth: 14⅞-14¾
Local Authority Deposits (%)
2 day: 14¾ 7 day: 14¾ 1 mth: 15⅛
3 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆ 6 mth: 15⅛ 12 mth: 14¹¹⁄₁₆
Sterling CDs (%): 1 mth: 15⅛-15
3 mth: 15⁵⁄₃₂-¹⁄₃₂ 6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14⅞ 12 mth 14⁹⁄₁₆-14½
Dollar CDs (%): 1 mth: 8.67-8.62
3 mth: 8.37-8.32 6 mth: 8.20-8.15 12 mth 8.12-8.07
Building Society CDs (%)
1 mth: 15⅛-15 2 mth: 15³⁄₁₆-¹⁄₁₆ 3 mth: 15⅛-15⅛
6 mth: 15¹⁄₁₆-14⅞ 9 mth: 14¹³⁄₁₆-14⅞ 12 mth: 14⅞-14½

ECGD

Fixed Rate Sterling Export Finance. Make-up day: Oct 31, 1989. Agreed rates Nov 26, 1989 to Dec 25, 1989. Scheme I: 15.66 per cent. Schemes II & III: 16.22 per cent. Reference rate Sept 30, 1989 to Oct 31, 1989. Scheme IV & V: 15.084 per cent.

EURO MONEY DEPOSITS %

Currency	7 day	1 mth	3 mth	6 mth
Dollar:	8⅝-8⅜	8¹¹⁄₁₆-8⁹⁄₁₆	8⁷⁄₁₆-8⁵⁄₁₆	8⅜
Call: 8¾-7¼				
Deutschemark:	8-7⅞	8⅛-8	8³⁄₁₆-8¹⁄₁₆	8⁵⁄₁₆
Call: 7½-6½				
French Franc:	10⅝-10⅜	10⅝-10⅜	10⅝-10⅜	10⅝
Call: 10-9				
Swiss Franc:	7¾-7	7¹¹⁄₁₆-7⁹⁄₁₆	7⅝-7⅜	7⅝
Call: 7½-6½				
Yen:	6⁷⁄₁₆-6⁵⁄₁₆	6¹¹⁄₁₆-6⁹⁄₁₆	6⅝-6⅝	6⅝
Call: 6-5				

GOLD BULLION (Per ounce)

Open: $405.75-406.25 Close: $409.75-410.25
High: $409.75-410.25 Low: $405.25-406.00

GOLD COINS (Per coin, Ex VAT)

Britannia: $419.00-424.00 (£266.50-269.50)
Krugerrand: $409.00-412.00 (£260.00-262.00)
Mapleleaf (1oz): $419.00-424.00 (£266.50-269.50)
American Eagles: $419.00-424.00 (£266.50-269.50)
New Sovereigns: $97.00-99.00 (£61.75-62.75)
Old Sovereigns: $97.00-99.00 (£61.75-62.75)

PRECIOUS METALS

Platinum pm fix: $509.05 (£324.75)
Palladium pm fix: $139.15 (£88.75)
Spot Silver: $5.64-5.66 (£3.590-3.605)

LONDON FINANCIAL FUTURES

	Open	High	Low	Close	Vol
FT-SE 100			Previous open interest 33627		
Dec 89	2250.0	2295.0	2247.0	2294.0	5629
Mar 90	2299.0	2333.0	2299.0	2337.0	852
Three Month Sterling			Previous open interest 139186		
Dec 89	84.84	84.84	84.76	84.82	4566
Mar 90	85.66	85.66	85.58	85.64	12872
Three Month Eurodollar			Previous open interest 45766		
Dec 89	91.80	91.83	91.80	91.82	1190
Mar 90	92.13	92.22	92.13	92.20	2132
Three Month Euro DM			Previous open interest 30280		
Dec 89	91.70	91.75	91.70	91.74	2653
Mar 90	91.69	91.75	91.67	91.75	2512
Three month ECU			Previous open interest 976		
Dec 89	89.11	89.11	89.08	89.09	125
Mar 90	89.40	89.41	89.38	89.41	416
US Treasury Bond			Previous open interest 6249		
Dec 89	99-03	99-13	99-02	99-11	1231
Long Gilt			Previous open interest 35651		
Dec 89	90-06	90-13	89-29	90-01	7875
Japanese Govt Bond			Previous open interest 1040		
Mar 90	104.22	104.26	104.18	104.25	306
German Govt Bond			Previous open interest 41266		
Dec 89	90.28	90.77	90.06	90.74	41626
Mar 90	90.45	90.88	90.27	90.88	9306

COMMODITIES

ICIS-LOR Group

Confidence returned to the crude oil market as refiners came in to buy December physical cargoes. Gasoline and Naphtha refused to follow gasoil up and remained stable in a thinly traded market.

CRUDE OILS/assessed ($/BBL FOB)

Brent Phys	18.50	+40
15 day Dec	18.45	+30
15 day Jan	18.50	+40
WTI Jan	19.70	+40
WTI Feb	19.50	+45

PRODUCTS Buy/sell $/MT. Spot CIF NW Euro - prompt delivery

Prem Gas .15		186-188	
Gasoil EEC	+6	196-197	+6
Non 1H Dec	+6	195-196	+6
Non 1H Jan	+6	190-191	+6
3.5 Fuel Oil	+3	104-106	+3
Naphtha		156-158	

BIFFEX

GNI Freight Futures Dry Cargo ($10/pt)
Dec 89 Hi 1628-1610 Low Close 1625
Jan 90 Hi 1658-1625 Low Close 1695
Apr 90 Hi 1687-1638 Low Close 1654
Jul 90 Hi 1395-1374 Low Close 1390
Vol 849 lots Open interest 6590
Dry cargo index 1633 –13 on 29/11/89

IPE FUTURES

GAS OIL AMT Futures
Dec 190.00-89.75
Jan 185.25-85.00
Feb 179.00-78.75
Mar 171.25-71.00
Apr 165.75-65.50
May 160.50-60.00
Jun 157.50-55.00
Vol 12940

BRENT AMT Futures
Jan 18.49-18.48
Feb 18.23-18.20
Vol 10348

LONDON POTATO FUTURES (£/tonne)

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	150.0	150.0
Apr	213.0	212.3
May	238.5	237.4
Nov	97.5	97.0
		Vol 146

LONDON FOX

COCOA — AMT Futures
Dec 655-653 Sep 695-693
Mar 658-655 Dec 718-717
May 668-667 Mar 739-736
Jul 680-679 Vol 5221

COFFEE — AMT Futures
Jan 678-676 Jul 720-717
Mar 682-681 Sep 740-735
May 701-700 Nov 758-755
Vol 4319

SUGAR FOB — C Czarnikow Vol: 8173
Mar 313.5-13.4 Oct 298.6-99.4
May 312.2-11.8 Dec 299.0-95.4
Aug 307.0-06.8 Mar 283.4-82.0

LONDON GRAIN FUTURES

WHEAT close (£/t) Vol 426
Ja 114.50 Mr 117.70 My 120.80
Jn 122.50 Sp 105.15 Nv 108.00
BARLEY close (£/t) Vol 31
Ja 110.80 Mr 113.80 My 115.35
Sp 102.30 Nv 105.25

SOYABEAN — AMT Futures
Feb 146.5-47.2 Aug 138.0-40.0
Apr 143.5-44.5 Oct 137.0-39.0
Jun 139.5-41.5 Dec 140.0-42.0
Vol 117

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE

Official prices/volume previous day — Rudolf Wolff

(£/tonne)	Cash	3 month	Vol	Tone
Copper Gde A	1585.5-1586.5	1604.0-1605.0	422650	Easier
Lead	420.00-421.00	420.00-421.00	54200	Brly Stdy
Zinc Hi Gde*	1405.0-1410.0	1335.0-1345.0	22350	Quiet
Zinc Spec Hi*	1415.0-1417.0	1360.0-1362.0	134400	Steadier
Tin*	6710-6730	6840-6845	7915	Steady
Aluminium Hi*	1715.0-1716.0	1710.0-1711.0	230225	Steady
Nickel*	8830-8840	8270-8280	10422	Easy

† (Cents per Troy oz). * ($ per tonne)

LONDON MEAT FUTURES (/kg)

Live Pig Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Feb	109.8	109.8
Apr	110.5	110.5
Jun	111.0	111.0
Aug	unq	unq

Live Cattle Contract

Mth	Open	Close
Jan	115.5	115.5
Feb	116.5	116.5
Apr	118.5	118.5

Vol Pig-5 Cattle-0

MEAT & LIVESTOCK COMMISSION

Av'ge fatstock prices at representative markets on November 30

(/kg lw)	Pig	Sheep	Cattle
GB (p)	91.67	205.29	114.10
GB (+/–)	–1.45	*–2.19	–0.63
Eng/Wal (%)	+3.3	–28.0	–46.3
Eng/Wal (p)	91.67	205.37	114.53
Eng/Wal (+/–)	–1.53	–3.04	–0.37
Scotland (%)	n/a	–95.2	–38.6
Scotland (p)	n/a	200.64	111.85
Scotland (+/–)	n/a	–3.51	–1.90

* Estimated dead carcase weight

STOCK EXCHANGE PRICES

Rally continues

ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings began November 27. Dealings end December 8. §Contango day December 11. Settlement day December 18.
§Forward bargains are permitted on two previous business days.

Prices recorded are at market close. Changes are calculated on the previous day's close, but adjustments are made when a stock is ex-dividend. Where one price is quoted, it is a middle price. Changes, yields and price/ earnings ratios are based on middle prices. (as) denotes Alpha Stocks.
(VOLUMES: PAGE 33).

Portfolio
PLATINUM
Fr your Portfolio Platinum card check yo eight share price movements on this pa ely. Add them up to give you your ovil total and check this against the dai dividend figure. If it matches you ha won outright or a share of the daily pr money stated.If you win, follow the cla procedure on the back of your card. Alw have your card available when claiming. Game rules appear on the back of ir card.

No.	ompany	Group	Gain or loss
1	blins	Industrials L-R	
2	nnada (as)	Industrials E-K	
3	FC	Industrials L-R	
4	ttal Closures	Industrials L-R	
5	terprise (as)	Oil,Gas	
6	iplonia	Industrials A-D	
7	ssmor	Oil,Gas	
8	oldberg (A)	Drapery,Stores	
9	awker Siddly (as)	Industrials E-K	
10	cKechnie	Industrials L-R	
11	OC (as)	Industrials A-D	
12	owell Duffryn	Industrials L-R	
13	insbury J (as)	Foods	
14	ovleen (John)	Building,Roads	
15	TR (as)	Industrials A-D	
16	gica	Electricals	
17	PB Ind (as)	Building,Roads	
18	able Wireless (as)	Electricals	
19	edland (as)	Building,Roads	
20	Dunhill	Drapery,Stores	
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Given the sheer frustration and enormous cost of the *congestion* on our roads, you would think we would all be selling our cars and flocking on to the railways. There is little pleasure in owning a high-performance car that you can drive at only 10 miles per hour — the average speed at which traffic moves in London, according to figures issued this week.

The intensity of the Green debate has also brought a huge response from motorists who believe that to free our choked and polluted streets there must be a drastic cut in the number of cars on the roads . . . everyone else's cars, that is.

David Leibling, of Lex Service, has been putting the finishing touches to an extensive survey of driver attitudes, to be released next year. But what is already coming through loud and clear, he says, is that motorists believe that unchecked growth in the numbers of cars on the road — an increase of up to 142 per cent into the next century on government forecasts — must not be allowed.

"We are also discovering that people do not want to give up their cars," he says. "There is enormous growth in the numbers of families acquiring their second, third or even fourth car."

More than a third of Britain's households own two cars and 7 per cent have three or more. However, the expectations of most families will cause a huge increase in both figures in the next two years, which could mean at least another 2.6 million cars on the roads by 1992.

Where will they all go? The prospect at the moment is that most of these extra cars will be sitting bumper-to-bumper on some motorway for most of their working lives — unless the Government acts fast.

Business interests have been warning that more and better roads are needed quickly if trade is to remain competitive.

Geoffrey Whalen, the president of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, topped the criticism when he said that companies might be better off setting up in northern France to avoid the chaos of Britain's road network.

According to the Confederation of British Industry, Britain's investment in roads has been lower than that of five of our main European competitors over the past 20 years. The average percentage of the gross domestic product spent on roads in West Germany is 0.79, Belgium 0.67, France 0.65, Italy 0.62, Spain 0.50 and Britain 0.40.

The Government may have more than doubled its spending programme to £12 billion to add 2,700 more miles of new or widened roads, but even the most optimistic can see little else on the horizon but traffic jams right up to the year 2000.

Planning processes alone can take seven years before the first excavator moves on to the site. No wonder, then, that the Secretary of State for the Environment, Chris Patten, is about to tackle the problem from the opposite end.

His "Green" White Paper, due next September, could well contain a nasty shock for drivers, with road pricing and a curb on cars entering city centres on the list for action.

No one, least of all city-dwellers, could possibly argue against the idea that the motorist should pay for the pollution and congestion he or she creates. A tax on fuel is the most obvious way of making the motorist who does the most mileage pay the biggest bill. Road tolls also get straight to drivers using the motorways most.

But the implications for industry of both schemes would be huge, raising transport costs through the roof.

In any event, isn't the motorist already paying for his roads, contributing £15 billion a year to the Treasury coffers through the road fund licence, special 10 per cent tax on new car prices and fuel duties? That contribution more than covers the £12 billion road-spending programme for the next 10 years.

If motorists are to be driven off the roads to ease the strain on town centres, will the investment in public transport be there to substitute for the ease of use of the car?

There must be big doubts that it will, says Paul Watters, of the Automobile Association's highways and traffic department. "We are in favour of park-and-ride schemes some towns operate, by which motorists drive to a car park on the edge of a town and continue their journey by a special bus service. They are very successful, but there are not many of them.

"We are worried that the motorist will be penalized without the whole strategy being thought through properly.

"Despite the congestion, the roads are a lifeline and always will be. Other countries have invested heavily in improving road networks, and we must do the same."



Title-holder: the new Citroën XM beat 15 rivals for the International Car of the Year award

Winning start for XM

By Kevin Eason
Motoring Correspondent

Citroën's new XM got the best possible start to its launch in the UK: this week it was voted International Car of the Year.

The executive express pushed its long, sleek nose in front of a tough field of 15 rivals, including Mercedes' gorgeous SL coupé, a bevy of high-tech Japanese talent and Ford's Fiesta. Rover's new 200 and Land-Rover Discovery were not eligible this year because neither was on sale at the time of the competition.

The welcome title was the confirmation Citroën needed to persuade the big fleet buyers that the XM is a serious rival in the executive car class to present favourites, such as BMW, Rover and Ford.

The executive class is lucrative and growing. More than 196,000 cars in the sector were sold in the UK last year — a 14.6 per cent increase over 1987 — and the figure will easily top 200,000 in 1989's record market.

Companies are abandoning long-held "Buy British" fleet policies to take in all European-made models, giving the XM a good chance of attracting the eyes of many middle-managers and junior executives. The question is: how well does the XM compare with the already available competitors? The answer, I fancy, despite this week's accolade, will be mixed.

ROADTEST

Citroën XM 3.0 V6 Si

Value for money is good among the six models available, with two basic engine sizes — a 2-litre in normally aspirated and fuel-injected form and a 3-litre V6 — with prices ranging from £13,699 to £22,999.

But British drivers may find it difficult to adjust to some of the Citroën's quirkier ways. Steering is soggy, the gear-change woolly and travel of the three floor pedals is very shallow, leading to some unforgiving braking.

The large side-windows at front and rear, needed for the curved aerodynamic glass, are an irritant, while a clear sight of the nearside rear-view mirror is obstructed.

Once over those niggles, there is much to be enjoyed. *The Si features an impressive* array of extras, such as a computer and seat-warmers both front and back. Quietness, coupled with the hefty V6 and a smooth ride from the new Hydractive suspension system, means the XM is an ideal motorway cruiser.

On paper, the statistics are also impressive. The XM is quicker off the mark than all its main rivals, except for the Rover 827, and appears cheaper to run — an average service costs £52.51, compared with a claimed £83.80 for the Rover and £64.30 for the Granada 2.9. These are the *kind of figures that bring* a glint to the eyes of penny-watching fleet managers.

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The phone call seemed straightforward enough to the roadside repair man at Mondial Assistance. The driver in distress needed help only to change his front wheel. He forgot to mention, however, that his car was in a field . . . on its roof.

This is just one of a fund of stories collected by the men who work with Geoff Tyler, the marketing manager at Mondial, one of the group of recovery services chasing after the Big Two, the AA and RAC.

Mondial's concentration on package schemes with manufacturers such as BMW, Maserati, Lamborghini and Saab has led to many calls from clueless customers baffled by new technology. One motorist stuck in a traffic called in on his car phone for assistance — because he couldn't tune his radio properly.

Then there was the owner of one of the latest breed of sophisticated, high-performance models who told his wife she could borrow the car, but to take care because it was fully computerized. She phoned Mondial in tears after an hour of being stuck in the drive. When the Mondial engineer arrived, he turned the ignition key and the engine fired immediately.

The woman looked on, amazed. Eventually, she said: "But I *told* it to *start and it wouldn't.*"

Imagine, though, the distress of the couple who spent their savings on a new convertible GTi, only to find an ominous-looking puddle of liquid by the front wheel. Could it be lost brake fluid or, even worse, something flooding out of the engine?.

The mechanic discovered the answer: a passing dog.

■ Steer clear of reconditioned engines offered on the cheap, warns the Automobile Association. One AA member paid £300 to discover that the "reconditioning" was a lick of paint on the engine block. Buy only manufacturers' supplies or from members of the Federation of Engine Remanufacturers.

■ France has confirmed its reputation as having some of the most dangerous roads *in Europe — the death toll last* year was 10,000, twice as high as the UK's figures and more than the 8,000 annual total in West Germany, which has twice as many cars.

■ Gloomy forecasts of a "deep freeze" in sales and prices this winter are coming from showrooms. The authoritative *CAP Black Book* says high interest rates and improved reliability will keep prospective buyers away.

■ More than 2 million trees will be planted this winter alongside motorways, as well as 30 miles of hedgerow.

■ Lada will celebrate its 21st UK birthday with a special edition Samara Extra 21, with metallic paint finish improved exhaust and a British carburettor and clutch.

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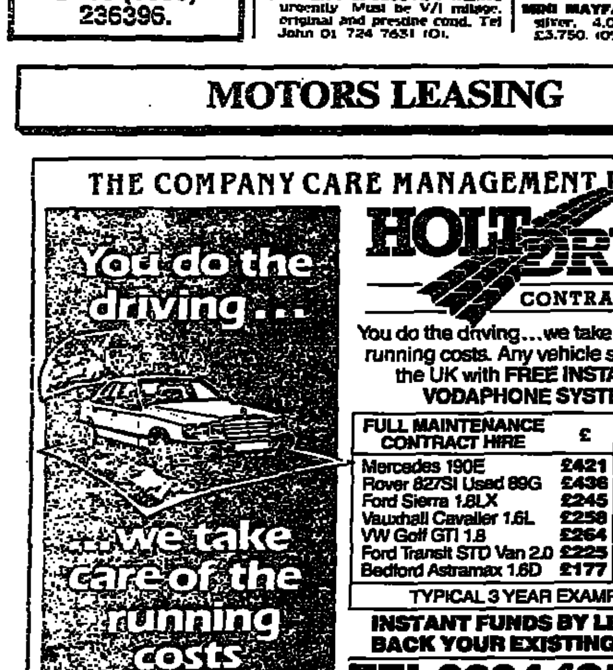
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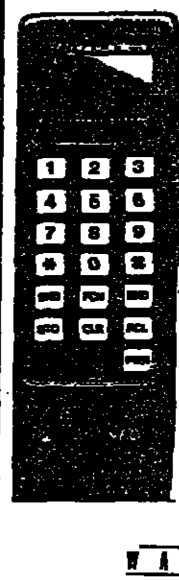
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KILLINGHOLME GENERATING STATIONS (ANCILLARY POWERS)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application has been made to Parliament by the Central Electricity Generating Board (hereinafter referred to as "the Board") for leave to introduce in the present Session of Parliament a Bill (hereinafter referred to as "the Bill") for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. The construction by the Board of the following works:-

Work No.1 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1702 1960 and extending into the river for a distance of 320 metres and there terminating:

Work No 2 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1702 1960 extending into the river for a distance of 260 metres and there terminating:

Work No.3 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1704 1962 extending into the river for a distance of 360 metres and there terminating:

Work No 4 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1704 1982 extending into the river for a distance of 270 metres and there terminating:

Work No.5 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1710 1946 extending into the river for a distance of 350 metres and there terminating:

Work No 6 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1710 1946 extending into the river for a distance of 260 metres and there terminating:

Work No 7 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1714 1939 and extending into the river for a distance of 360 metres and there terminating:

Work No.8 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1714 1939 extending into the river for a distance of 250 metres and there terminating:

Work No.9 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1718 1932 extending into the river for a distance of 370 metres and there terminating:

Work No.10 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1718 1932 extending into the river for a distance of 270 metres and there terminating:

Work No.11 One or more conduits and an intake commencing in the parish at reference point TA1722 1925 extending into the river for a distance of 390 metres and there terminating.

Work No.12 One or more conduits and an outfall commencing in the parish at reference point TA1722 1928 extending into the river for a distance of 290 metres and there terminating.

2 Alterations and improvement of the works to be authorised by the Bill and construction of ancillary and subsidiary works including the temporary stopping up and diversion of highways and power to deviate both laterally and vertically.

3. Abstraction of water from the River Humber by means of the works and discharge of water into the said river by means of the works.

4. Power to dredge and remove obstructions from the bed, foreshore and banks of the River Humber.

5 Exemption for the works to be authorised by the Bill from the provisions of section 6 of the Humber Conservancy Act 1905 and exemption for the powers to dredge from the requirements of section 8 of the said Act of 1905.

6. Provisions relating to tidal works not to be executed without approval of Secretary of State, provision against danger to navigation, abatement of works abandoned or decayed, survey of tidal works, permanent lights on tidal works and lights on tidal works during construction.

7. Acquisition compulsorily or by agreement of lands in the Parish of North Killingholme in the Borough of Glanford in the administrative county of Humberside and lands forming part of the adjoining foreshore and bed of the sea for the purpose of the construction of the said intended works, obtaining access thereto, materials therefrom and depositing materials thereon; extinction of any private rights of way over the said lands.

8. Acquisition of parts of property and of easements over or in property; disregard of recent improvements for the purpose of assessing compensation.

9. Incorporation and application with or without amendment of some or all of the following Acts or any provisions of those Acts:-

The Railways Clauses Consolidation Act 1845:
The Compulsory Purchase Act 1965.

Duplicate plans and sections of the proposed works and plans showing the lands which may be acquired or used compulsorily under the powers of the intended Act, together with a Book of Reference to such plans, were on or before the 20th day of November last deposited with the Chief Executive of the County Council of the administrative county of Humberside, with the Clerk and Chief Executive of the Borough of Glanford and with the Clerk of the parish council of North Killingholme.

On and after the 4th day of December, 1989, a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies thereof may be obtained at the price of 50p each at the offices of the Board at Sudbury House, 15, Newgate Street, London, EC1A 7AU at the South Killingholme Post Office, Grimsby, South Humberside, DN40 3HR and at the offices of the undersigned Parliamentary Agents.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it in either or both houses of Parliament. The latest date for the deposit of such a Petition in the First House will be 30th January 1990. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons or 6th February 1990, if it originates in the House of Lords. Further information may be obtained from the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons, the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords or the undermentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated this 30th day of November 1989

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IN PARLIAMENT
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BRITISH RAILWAYS (NO.2)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the British Railways Board for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:-

1. Construction of the following works:-

In the London Borough of Waltham Forest -

Work No. 1 - A railway (717 metres in length), being a re-instatement of the Hall Farm Curve at Walthamstow;

Partly in the borough of Slough, Berkshire, and partly in the district of South Bucks, parish of Iver, Buckinghamshire -

Work No. 2 - A railway (5,250 metres in length) to provide for a fifth track between Slough and Iver on the Reading and Paddington railway: including, as Work No. 2A, a reconstruction of Wexham Road bridge, Slough, and, as Works Nos. 2B and 2C, widenings of the railway bridge over Station Road (B.470), Langley, and of Chequer Bridge, Langley;

Works Nos. 3 & 4, being deviations (1,360 and 997 metres in length) of the relief lines of the Reading and Paddington railway to accommodate Work No. 2;

In the London borough of Hillingdon -

Work No. 5 - A railway (1,674 metres in length) at West Drayton, being a deviation of the down main line of the Reading and Paddington railway to accommodate other railway works at West Drayton.

In the metropolitan borough of Kirklees, West Yorkshire -

Works Nos. 6 and 7 - Railways (627 and 1,343 metres in length) at Deighton to provide for the reinstatement of part of the Kirkburton branch of the Huddersfield and Dewsbury railway including, as Work No. 8, an access road crossing the Huddersfield Broad Canal by means of a bailey bridge the appropriation of certain works for the purposes of Work No 7 and the temporary stopping up of part of the towing path of the said Canal near Peace Pit Lane, providing instead a temporary footpath.

In the metropolitan borough of Rotherham, South Yorkshire -

Works Nos. 9 and 10 - Railways (918 and 907 metres in length) at Rotherham, being a deviation of the Holmes Chord (Work No. 9) so as to accommodate a second track (Work No. 10) on that Chord, including the provision of a level crossing of Works Nos. 9 and 10 across Brinsworth Street at Brinsworth Street level crossing;

In the borough of North Bedfordshire, parishes of Stewartby, Kempston Rural and Elstow, Bedfordshire

Work No. 11 - A railway (2,815 metres in length) at Kempston Hardwick and in tunnel under the London and Bedford Railway, being a re-routing of the Bletchley and Bedford railway into Bedford (Midland) Station: including a raising of the footpath (F.P. No. 2) so that it will cross Work No. 11 on the level;

In the borough of Melton, Leicestershire -

Works No. 12 - A railway (928 metres in length) at Melton Mowbray to provide a connection between the Edwalton Test Track, on the Edwalton and Melton Mowbray railway, and the Leicester and Melton Mowbray railway;

In the district of Selby, parish of Hambleton, North Yorkshire -

Work No. 13 - A railway (904 metres in length) at Hambleton to provide a further connection between the South Milford and Selby railway and the York and Doncaster railway: including, so as to accommodate Work No. 13, a diversion of Whinny Hagg Lane comprising a new road, Work No 13A, with provision for stopping up so much of that lane as will be rendering unnecessary by Work No. 13A.

In the district of Selby, parishes of Hensall and Heck, North Yorkshire -

Work No. 14 - A railway (923 metres in length), being a re-instatement of the curve between the Selby and Doncaster railway and the Knottingley and Snaith railway, with provision for access from Little Heck Common Lane: including, so as to accommodate Work No. 14, a diversion of Little Heck Common Lane in the parish of Hensall, comprising a new road, Work No. 14A, with provision for stopping up so much of that lane as will be rendered unnecessary by Work No. 14A but substituting therefor a bridleway from Gowdall Road and on the course of Little Heck Common Lane when stopped up.

In the London borough of Southwark -

Work No. 15 - Widenings of the railway viaduct at Elephant & Castle Station: including provision for the extension of the platforms at that station.

2. The alteration of Langley Station in connection with Work No. 2 and the alteration of Iver and West Drayton Stations in connection with a proposal to work the up (Iver to West Drayton) goods loop line of the Reading and Paddington railway as a passenger line: the stopping up of an accommodation road in the district of Braintree, Essex, to accommodate a platform extension at Braintree Station, with provision for a new accommodation road from Station Approach.

3. Power for the British Railways Board and the Northamptonshire County Council to enter into agreements with respect to a level crossing to be constructed at Northampton and special provision for the construction, operation and maintenance of that crossing.

4. Special provisions in connection with the construction and maintenance of the proposed works, the permanent or temporary stoppage of highways, with or without substitutes, and for the appropriation of sites of certain highways so stopped up.

5. Provision for the reconstruction of the bridge of Gainsborough, partly in the parish of Bole, district of Bassetlaw, Nottinghamshire, and partly in the district of West Lindsey, Lincolnshire which carries the railways linking Doncaster and Retford with Gainsborough over the river Trent, the carrying out of subsidiary works in that river; the purchase of rights over land in the parishes of Bole and Saundby, district of Bassetlaw, required for access to that bridge and the use of, and access over, land at Gainsborough for temporary working sites.

6. Purchase of land or rights over land required for the proposed works, in the areas referred to in paragraph 1 above, including additional land required at Slough, for the provision of access to Works Nos. 2, 2A and 3, at Hillingdon, to realign the up (Iver to West Drayton) goods loop line referred to in paragraph 2 above, additional rights required for access to the proposed works at Deighton, Rotherham, Kempston Hardwick, Melton Mowbray and at Braintree station and additional use of, and access over, land at Deighton, Langley and Melton Mowbray for temporary working sites; special provisions as to entry and compensation and for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over the lands to be purchased or used.

7. Extension of time for the use of land or rights over land authorised by the British Railways Act 1986 for the purposes of the reconstruction of bridges over Roman Road, Basingstoke, and over Bramford Road and Usk Road, Wandsworth, authorised by sections 13 and 14 of the British Railways Act 1986.

8. The relinquishment of certain roadworks at Holborn Viaduct in the city of London authorised by section 9 of the British Railways (London) Act 1988.

9. Provisions of a general nature applicable to, or in consequence of, the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments.

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows:-

AREA	OFFICER WITH WHOM DEPOSIT MADE
London Borough of Hillingdon	Chief Executive, London Borough of Hillingdon, Civic Centre, Uxbridge;
London Borough of Southwark	Chief Executive and Town Clerk, London Borough of Southwark, Town Hall, Peckham;
London Borough of Waltham Forest	Chief Executive, London Borough of Waltham Forest, Town Hall, Walthamstow;
Metropolitan Borough of Kirklees	Chief Legal and Administrative Officer, Kirklees Metropolitan Borough Council, Town Hall, Ramsden Street, Huddersfield;
Metropolitan Borough of Rotherham	Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Buildings, Walker Place, Rotherham;
County of Bedfordshire	County Secretary, Bedfordshire County Council, County Hall, Beford;
Borough of North Bedfordshire	Chief Executive, North Bedfordshire Borough Council, Town Hall, Bedford;
Parish of Stewartby	Clerk to the Stewartby Parish Council, Oakwood, Limbersey Lane, Haynes West End, Bedford;
Parish of Kempston Rural	Clerk to the Kempston Rural Parish Council, 4 Laurel Walk, Kempston, Bedford;
Parish of Elstow	Clerk to the Elstow Parish Council, 18 Peartree View, Elstow, Bedford;
County of Berkshire	Chief Executive, Berkshire County Council, Shire Hall, Shinfield Park, Reading;
Borough of Slough	Town Clerk, Slough Borough Council, Town Hall, Slough;
County of Buckinghamshire	County Secretary and Solicitor, Buckinghamshire County Council, County Hall, Aylesbury;
District of South Bucks	District Secretary, South Bucks District Council, Council Offices, Windsor Road, Slough;
Parish of Iver	Clerk to the Iver Parish Council, 6 Grange Way, Iver;
County of Essex	Chief Executive and Clerk, Essex County Council, County Hall, Chelmsford;
District of Braintree	Chief Corporate Services Officer, Braintree District Council, Causeway House, Bocking End, Braintree;
County of Leicestershire	County Solicitor, Leicestershire County Council, County Hall, Leicester;
Borough of Melton	Borough Secretary and Clerk, Melton Borough Council, Council Offices, Melton Mowbray;
County of Lincolnshire	County Solicitor, Lincolnshire County Council, County Offices, Lincoln;
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Parish of Saundby	Clerk to the Beckingham cum Saundby Parish Council, Ravensbeck, 33 High Street, Beckingham, Doncaster.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 90p each at each of the following offices:-

Ticket office, West Drayton & Yiewsley railway station;
Ticket office, St. James Street (Walthamstow) railway station;
Travel Centre, Huddersfield railway station;
Director of Legal and Administrative Services, Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council, Civic Building, Walker Place, Rotherham;
Travel Centre, Bedford (Midland) railway station;
Ticket office, Slough railway station;
Messrs. Frank Farr, Estate Agents, Wellesley Avenue, Iver;
Ticket office, Braintree railway station;
Ticket office, Melton Mowbray railway station;
Principal Administrative Officer, West Lindsey District Council, The Guildhall, Gainsborough;
Ticket office, Selby railway station;
Ticket office, Retford railway station;
Ticket office, Basingstoke railway station;
Travel Centre, Clapham Junction railway station;
Travel Centre, Northampton railway station;
and at each of the undermentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990; if it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments, House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the undermentioned Solicitor or Parliamentary Agents.

Dated the 1st day of December 1989

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PARLIAMENTARY NOTICES

IN PARLIAMENT
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LONDON DOCKLANDS RAILWAY

Notice is hereby given that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by London Regional Transport ("the Corporation") for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary.-

1. Construction of two railways in the London Borough of Tower Hamlets and widenings on both sides of the viaduct carrying the Docklands Railway at North Quay, Poplar (Works Nos 1A and 1B, 246 and 220 metres in length); including special provision in connection with the construction, use and maintenance of the proposed works.

2. Acquisition of lands in the areas aforesaid. Extinction of rights of way over the lands to be acquired and special provisions as to entry and compensation.

3. Provision to disapply sections 54 and 56 of the Transport Act 1962 in respect of any discontinuance of railway passenger services on the Docklands Railway from West India Quay Station, Isle of Dogs.

4. Power for the Corporation to make provision for the payment of additional fares on the proposed railways

And Notice is further given that a plan, sections and a Book of Reference relating to the purposes of the Bill have been deposited for public inspection with the Chief Executive of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets at his office at the Town Hall, Patriot Square, London E2 9LN.

On and after 4th December 1989 a copy of the Bill for the intended Act may be inspected and copies obtained at the price of 50p each at the under-mentioned offices.

Objection to the Bill may be made by depositing a Petition against it. If the Bill originates in the House of Commons, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the Private Bill Office of that House will be 30th January 1990. If it originates in the House of Lords, the latest date for depositing such a Petition in the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in that House will be 6th February 1990. Further information may be obtained from the office of the Clerk of the Parliaments in the House of Lords, the Private Bill Office of the House of Commons or the under-mentioned Parliamentary Agents.

Dated 1st December 1989

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IN PARLIAMENT
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BRITISH RAILWAYS (NO.3)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that application is being made to Parliament in the present Session by the British Railways Board for leave to introduce a Bill under the above name or short title for purposes of which the following is a concise summary:

1. Construction of the following works by the British Railways Board:

In the borough of Ashford, Kent -

Works Nos. 1A and 1B - Two railways (1,690 metres and 744 metres in length) to serve a proposed new international passenger station at Ashford; including the provision of access from Station Road, Hunter Avenue and Eastlia Road and the substitution of a new footpath and passageway under Beaver Road.

In the London borough of Camden -

Work No. 2 - A railway (648 metres in length) at West Hampstead to provide for a connection between the North London Line and the London to Bedford Railway; including the provision of access from Finchley Road and the diversion under Work No 2 of parts of the footpaths between West End Lane and Finchley road and between Broadhurst Gardens and that footpath.

In the borough of Maidstone, parish of Headcorn, Kent -

Work No. 3 - A railway (948 metres in length) at Headcorn to provide for a passing loop on the Tonbridge to Ashford Railway.

In the borough of Tonbridge and Malling, parish of Ightham, Kent -

Work No. 4 - A railway (584 metres in length) at Borough Green to provide for the extension of the passing loop on the Otford Junction to Maidstone Railway including a lowering of the combined footpath (MR 244) and private access road to the premises of Celcon Blocks Limited where it passes under the railway and a widening on the northern side of the railway bridge over that combined footpath and access road.

In the district of Sevenoaks, parishes of Kemsing, Otford, Seal and Sevenoaks, Kent -

Work No. 5 - A railway (933 metres in length) at Otford to provide for a further passing loop on the Otford Junction to Maidstone Railway, including the stopping up of the combined public footpath (SR 66) and private access road to Childsbridge Farm at Nash level crossing and the substitution of a new footpath and footbridge over the railway.

In the London borough of Bromley -

Work No. 6 - A railway (115 metres in length) to provide for connection between the Tonbridge and Chatham loop lines at Bickley Junction.

2. General provisions for the construction and maintenance of the proposed works; the stopping up or diversion of highways; the appropriation of lands forming any highway so stopped up or diverted; and the temporary stopping up and diversion of any highway for the purpose of executing the proposed works.

3 Purchase of land or rights over land required for the proposed works in the boroughs and district referred to in paragraph 1 above, including additional land required at Ashford for the proposed international passenger station for a working site and a maintenance depot; additional lands at Ightham for working sites and means of access, additional rights for means of access to Work No 2 at West Hampstead and temporary use of lands for working sites or access at Ightham, Borough Green, Headcorn and Sevenoaks; special provision as to entry and compensation and for the extinction or suspension of private rights of way over the lands to be purchased or used.

4 Provisions of a general nature applicable to or in consequence of the intended Act, including the incorporation or application of certain specified enactments

AND NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that plans and sections of the intended works and plans of the land which may be purchased or used under the intended Act, with a book of reference to those plans, as affecting the following areas, have been deposited for public inspection with the appropriate officer of the area concerned as follows:-

AREA OFFICER WITH WHOM DEPOSIT MADE

London Borough of Bromley
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Beware 'bargain' computers, says technology book

By Brian Collett

A new book on computer technology for small businesses issues a warning on off-the-shelf packages of computer hardware and software.

Such bargain offers are probably unsuitable, according to Mr Ian Richards, an independent computer consultant and author of *How To Use A Computer To Improve Your Business.*

Mr Richards, of Hayes, Middlesex, has implemented systems, mainly for large companies, for many years. But he believes they can also benefit small enterprises.

The businesses that gain from computerization are those with most information to organize — insurance brokers, estate agents and businesses involving distribution and warehousing. Mr Richards cites a security company where 90 per cent of office time was spent working out complicated duty rosters and staff movements.

He said: "They brought in a computer and it transformed the company overnight."

A database of potential clients also helps, especially in the run-up to the Single European Market.

Mr Richards gives warning of a fairly high initial cost. Because many businesses have come unstuck with the wrong hardware and software, he recommends companies hire a consultant who should then be used to design the necessary system.

The specialist's services, at about £2,000 a week, will probably cost more than the technology itself. But Mr Richards said: "You may be tempted not to use computers at all. But with businesses relying increasingly on technology to become competitive, this is not a serious option."

How To Use A Computer To Improve Your Business (Graham & Trotman, £16 hardback, £8.95 paperback) is published on December 15. Further details: 01-845 0145.

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"This is company training — for all the clients' Christmas office parties coming up."

Pink Soda flows to Europe

By Barbara Felby

A good eye for fashion helped partners Mr David Solomon and Mr Robert Rose keep up with business trends and the two are set to launch an export drive in the run-up to 1992 and the Single European Market.

With an ambition to boost its export trade, which accounts for 65 per cent of turnover at their Pink Soda company, the partners, are looking to open outlets in West Germany.

The drive will go much further, however, and talks are being held with a view to moving into Japan and the United States.

Despite the company's highprofile, Mr Solomon admits that one of the hardest decisions he and Mr Rose had to make was choosing a name for their enterprise.

After much soul-searching, Pink Soda was set up in 1985 on the strength of a bank loan of about £50,000. Demand was so strong that it soon became the youngest company to receive the Queen's Award for Export Achievement.

The business was based on the idea of designing and making fashion accessories.

However, the partners were quick to recognize a growing demand from their young customers — they introduced an element of fun to their designs and aimed at providing a complete "tip-to-toe" look, including shoes, a move Mr Solomon described as a natural progression.

The fashion trade is renowned for harsh competition and the partners were keen to promote an image of fun and youth, but at affordable prices.

At the top end of the price scale, one of Pink Soda's sequined dresses bought at Top Shop or Miss Selfridge can cost £75, while at the bottom end, small accessories such as ear-rings, can cost as little as 99p.

Eventually, the partners would like to move into cosmetics, but Mr Solomon said: "Not at this stage, the cosmetic world is a very competitive and highly financed field.

"We would have to make certain the right kind of money is behind us as well as the right facilities."

In 1986, the company, based in London, opened its first French Operation store in France.

Mr Solomon admitted that breaking into a foreign market had proved an uphill struggle. However, the French division has become very profitable over the last nine months, he added.

Turnover at Pink Soda, which employs 24 staff in England and France, has improved steadily, rising from £1.5 million at the end of 1985 to £3 million by the end of last year. It is expected to reach between £4.5 million and £5 million this year.

Mr Solomon is confident the company will continue to expand worldwide as the demand for its products grows.

He said: "Eventually, we hope to establish our own retail outlets in a franchise operation. We also want to become much more of a household name."



Fashion-wise: David Solomon (left) and Robert Rose plan to expand

UCL firm will guide staff to enterprise

A venture capital company is to be set up to help academic staff involved in technology research at University College London to start their own businesses.

The company, UCL ventures, will be established jointly by the college, part of London University, and National Westminster Growth Options, a venture capital subsidiary of National Westminster Bank.

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A NatWest spokesman said: "Experience with the traditional venture capital companies has demonstrated the need for a more supportive service before venture capital funding can sensibly be sought."

Mr Bob King, director of National Westminster Growth Options, added: "The finance of research and development has been a neglected area in Britain. We hope these people will form a limited company to pursue their research."

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Lord Advocate v Dumbarton District Council
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Before Lord Keith of Kinkel, Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle and Lord Lowry

[Speeches November 30]

The rule that the Crown was not bound by statute unless expressly named or by necessary implication was not limited to cases where the statutory provisions in question would bind the Crown to its prejudice.

Accordingly, the Ministry of Defence, when building an improved security fence at the Faslane Submarine Base, had not been required to seek under the relevant planning and roads legislation the consent of the local authorities concerned before closing a one mile stretch of carriageway of the adjoining A814 Helensburgh to Garelochhead road for the storage of building materials during the building operations.

The House of Lords so held in allowing appeals by the Lord Advocate, for the Ministry of Defence, from the First Division of the Court of Session (Lord Emslie, Lord President, Lord Grieve and Lord Brand) (*The Times* March 17, 1988; 1988 SLT 546) which allowed reclaiming motions from the Lord Ordinary (Lord Cullen) who on September 4, 1986 had held that notices under section 87 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 by Strathclyde Regional Council ordering the removal of the obstructions, and an enforcement notice and stop notice under sections 84 and 87 of the Town and Country Planning (Scotland) Act 1972 by Dumbarton District Council were of no effect.

The Ministry of Defence had maintained that neither Act bound the Crown and that accordingly it did not need the permission of the road or planning authorities.

Mr A. F. Rodger, QC, Solicitor General for Scotland, and Mr M. G. Clarke, QC, for the Lord Advocate; Mr J. A. Cameron, QC and Mr P. S. Hodge for Dumbarton; Mr M. S. Jones, QC and Mr D. L. Mackay for Strathclyde.

LORD KEITH said that although the fence had been completed and the road restored, the appeal raised a difficult general issue.

That issue related to the principles which were properly to be applied by the court for the purpose of determining whether or not the Crown was bound by a particular statutory provision.

There were only two Scottish cases, outside the field of taxation and analogous burdens, which dealt with the question whether the Crown was bound by statutory provision: *Somerville v Lord Advocate* ((1893) 23 R 1050) and *Magistrates of Edinburgh v Lord Advocate* (1912 SC 1085).

Where Parliament was legislating for Scotland alone it could not be held to have had a different intention from what it would have had if legislating for England only. So it was appropriate to turn to the more modern English cases where the present issue had been considered.

In *BBC v Johns (Inspector of Taxes)* ([1965] Ch 32) Lord Justice Diplock had stated: "The modern rule of construction of statutes is that the Crown . . . is not bound by a statute which imposes obligations or restraints on persons or in respect of property unless the statute says so expressly or by necessary implication."

That statement accurately and correctly expressed the effect of the authorities. It was no longer a tenable view that the Crown was in terms bound by general words in a statute but that the prerogative enabled it to override the statute.

The respondents had accepted broadly the correctness of Lord Justice Diplock's formulation, but had contended for a qualification to the effect that it was unnecessary to consider whether a statutory provision bound the Crown expressly or by necessary implication where the provision would not in any event "devest the Crown of its property, rights, interests or prerogative" – the words of Mr Justice Wrottesley in *Attorney-General v Hancock* ([1940] 1 KB 427, 439).

His Lordship did not himself consider that those words were to be taken as conveying any more than Lord Justice Diplock's reference to "a statute which imposes obligations or restraints on persons or in respect of property".

The very notion of a statutory provision being binding on a person connoted that that person's freedom of action was thereby in some measure constrained.

The councils' argument, however, would have had it that it was only where the Crown's lawful freedom of action would be constrained that the presumption against application to the Crown came into play – an argument accepted by the First Division.

The Lord President had said: "The modern formulation of the rule is that the Crown is not affected by statutory provisions which would bind it to its prejudice unless it is named expressly or by necessary implication."

If one accepted for the moment that such a formulation of the rule was correct in principle, it nevertheless remained to be considered whether it was to be applied narrowly, that was to say in relation to the particular act by the Crown which by the statutory provision in question it was sought to restrain, or whether it was to be applied broadly, namely by reference to a purview of all the acts on the part of the Crown which the terms of the provision were capable of covering.

If some of those acts would otherwise be lawful then the provision might indeed bind the Crown to its prejudice.

There was no doubt that in the particular circumstances of the present case the Ministry of Defence did not claim that it had any right to take possession of part of the A814 roadway and place upon it the various things that it did. Its pleaded claim to have done so under the prerogative for the defence of the realm had been abandoned.

So if the statutory provisions founded upon by the respondents did apply to the Crown, the Crown's lawful freedom of action would not in those particular circumstances have been constrained.

But it by no means followed that that consideration made it unnecessary to consider whether the statutory provisions in question bound the Crown expressly or by necessary implication.

There might be other circumstances where those statutory provisions would indeed constrain the Crown's lawful freedom of action. A statute must, in the absence of some particular provision to the contrary, bind the Crown either generally or not at all.

There was no logical room for the view that it bound the Crown when the Crown was acting without any right to do so but not when the Crown did have such rights.

Turning to the appeal involving the 1984 Act, the provisions relied upon by the Strathclyde did not bind the Crown expressly or by necessary implication.

With regard to the appeal involving the 1972 Act, the whole Act proceeded on the assumption that the Crown was not subject to any requirement of planning permission for development carried out by it.

His Lordship returned to the theme that a particular statutory provision must, in the absence of any specific indication to the contrary, bind the Crown either generally or not at all.

Where the Crown was not expressly bound, there was no room at all for the view that it was not bound by necessary implication when acting within its rights but was so bound when acting without any right.

The Lord President's formulation of the applicable rule was in any event undesirable. It could rarely happen that the Crown was acting or proposing to act in a manner which, apart from the statutory provision sought to be invoked against it, was unlawful.

If that should happen it would be necessary to consider in some depth the question whether the provision in question would bind the Crown also in some situation where its act was lawful.

That might involve the examination of the precise position as to the Crown's property, rights, interests and prerogative at the time when the relevant Act was passed, and perhaps also when some legislative predecessor of that Act was passed.

That could be a difficult and inconvenient process. Accordingly it was preferable to stick to the simple rule that the Crown was not bound by any statutory provision unless there could somehow be gathered from the terms of the relevant Act an intention to that effect.

The Crown could be bound only by express words or necessary implication. The modern authorities did not require that any gloss should be placed upon that formulation of the principle.

However, as the very nature of the present appeals demonstrated, it was most desirable that Acts of Parliament should always state explicitly whether or not the Crown was intended to be bound by any, and if so which, of their provisions.

Lord Jauncey delivered a concurring speech and Lord Griffiths, Lord Ackner and Lord Lowry agreed.

Solicitors: Treasury Solicitor for Solicitor to the Secretary of State for Scotland; Dunlavey-Rosin for Allan McDougall & Co, SSC, Edinburgh and for Simpson & Marwick, WS, Edinburgh.

Bank entitled to compound interest

National Bank of Greece SA v Pinios Shipping Company No 1 and Another

Before Lord Bridge of Harwich, Lord Brandon of Oakbrook, Lord Griffiths, Lord Goff of Chieveley and Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle

[Speeches November 30]

There was no rule in English law that, in the absence of any special agreement between a bank and its customer, the effect of the customer's bank account being closed after a demand by the bank for repayment of the loan was that the bank ceased to be entitled to charge compound rather than simple interest on the loan.

The House of Lords so held in allowing an appeal by the National Bank of Greece SA against the decision of the Court of Appeal (Lord Justice O'Connor, Lord Justice Lloyd and Lord Justice Nicholls) (*The Times* March 5, 1988; [1989] 3 WLR 185) who had allowed in part the appeal of the Pinios Shipping Co No 1, the owners of the vessel Maira and Mr George Dionysios Tsitsilianis, a guarantor of the shipowners' liabilities from the decision of Mr Justice Leggatt ([1988] 2 Lloyd's Rep 126) who gave judgment for the bank in its claim for repayment under a loan agreement in the sum of $2,118,213 including a sum for compound interest to the date of judgment.

Mr Murray Pickering, QC and Mr David C. Owen for the appellant bank; Pinios and the guarantor did not appear and were not represented.

LORD GOFF said the appeal concerned a claim by a bank to compound interest. The National Bank of Greece sought to recover the balance owing on an account maintained by it for Pinios Shipping Co No 1. The amount so claimed included interest, capitalized with quarterly rests, up to the date of judgment.

The issue on the appeal was whether the bank ceased to be entitled to capitalize interest from the date when it demanded repayment, with the effect that it was entitled only to simple interest from the date of the demand until the date of judgment.

The matter had arisen in the following way. Pinios agreed to purchase a ship, the Maira, under a shipbuilding contract. The ship was delivered in February 1977, at which time 70 per cent of the purchase price was outstanding.

Pinios had agreed with the shipbuilders that the balance would be paid by 14 half-yearly instalments, secured by a first preferred mortgage on the ship.

The bank provided a guarantee for the payment by Pinios of the first six instalments. The bank in its turn was secured by a second preferred mortgage on the ship and by a personal guarantee by a Mr Tsitsilianis.

In the event, Pinios was unable to pay any of the instalments due to the shipbuilders, and the bank was called on to pay two of the instalments under its guarantee. The first payment being made on August 16, 1972.

The ship sank on April 10, 1978. The insurance proceeds were insufficient to enable Pinios to repay the bank under the second preferred mortgage.

On November 13, 1978, the bank wrote to Pinios and Mr Tsitsilianis demanding repayment of the amount outstanding including compound interest. Those demands met with no response.

In 1980 the bank commenced proceedings against Mr Tsitsilianis and in 1981 against Pinios. The bank's action came on for hearing before Mr Justice Leggatt.

At the trial, Pinios denied liability on the basis of an alleged breach of duty by the bank. Mr Justice Leggatt held that the bank had committed no breach of duty.

However, after the bank closed its case, Pinios and the guarantor raised a new issue relating to the entitlement of the bank to capitalize outstanding interest after the demand made on November 13, 1978.

Mr Justice Leggatt gave leave for the point to be argued but after hearing argument he rejected the submission, holding that the bank was entitled to continue to capitalize interest up to the date of judgment, either upon the express words of the second preferred mortgage or because the relationship between the parties remained unchanged after November 1978.

Pinios and the guarantor then appealed to the Court of Appeal both on the point relating to breach of duty and on the point of compound interest. On the former point, they lost but on the latter they suceeded.

As before Mr Justice Leggatt, the respondents accepted liability to pay compound interest from August 1977 until the date of demand in November 1978.

However, the Court of Appeal held that the bank's entitlement to capitalize interest came to an end on that date, with the effect that the bank was only entitled to simple interest from November 13, 1978 until the date of judgment, over nine years later.

It was against the compound interest point that the bank now appealed. Neither respondent was represented as they had run out of funds. It followed that success in the appeal could be of no direct financial assistance to the bank. It was pursued, however, as a matter of principle.

The Court of Appeal had disagreed with Mr Justice Leggatt that the bank was entitled to compound interest on the express terms of the mortgage. The Court of Appeal could find no such term in the mortgage; as to that, his Lordship found himself in agreement with the Court of Appeal.

The question then arose whether there was an implied agreement to pay compound interest which continued after the date of the demand.

In the Court of Appeal, Lord Justice Lloyd considered that an agreement to pay compound interest might be implied by virtue of acquiescence, but that such an agreement was not normally implied except as to "mercantile accounts current for mutual transactions". He found that even if it was such an account, it ceased to be when the bank closed the account and demanded repayment on November 13, 1978.

Lord Justice Nicholls found it to be surprising that, if compound interest was impliedly agreed to be payable on a loan of money, it should cease to be payable as soon as the creditor asked for his money; but he considered it to be established by the authorities that "once a banker or customer has unequivocally demanded immediate payment of what is due to him from the other, with the intention of being paid in full and ending their relationship, compound interest normally will cease to be payable".

Lord Justice O'Connor agreed, while expressing doubt on a point which he did not have to decide.

The suggestion that a bank ceased upon demand to be allowed to continue to capitalize interest rested entirely upon the authority of *Crosskill v Bower* ((1863) 32 Beav 86) and the *dicta* of Lord Justice Scrutton and Lord Justice Banks in *Deutsche Bank v Banque des Marchands de Moscou* ((1931) 4 LDB 293).

The reasoning of Sir John Romilly, Master of the Rolls, in *Crosskill v Bower* was undoubtedly affected by the fact that he understood the bank's entitlement to capitalize interest to be limited to an "ordinary mercantile current account"; accordingly, in the case before him, he considered that, on the execution by the customer of deeds for the benefit of his creditors, his account ceased to be an ordinary mercantile current account, and the final balance due to his bank was then ascertained.

On that basis, he reached the conclusion that, in the absence of any special agreement between the bank and his customer, the effect of the customer closing his account was that the bank ceased to be entitled to charge any interest.

In his Lordship's opinion, that conclusion (which had no regard to any custom or usage of bankers) was inconsistent with the "equity" upon which Lord Justice-Clerk Inglis stated the banker's privilege to rest: *Reddie v Williamson* ((1863) 1 Macph 228).

Furthermore, if it were equitable that a banker should be entitled to capitalize interest at, for example, yearly or half-yearly rests because his customer had failed to pay interest on the due date, there appeared to be no basis in justice or logic for terminating that right simply because the bank had demanded payment of the sum outstanding in a customer's account.

There was no reason to suppose that such a demand should of itself bring to an end the relationship of banker and customer. Indeed, the customer might then gradually pay off his debt by instalments, following upon the demand, during which period the relationship surely continued.

The inequity of the supposed rule was amply demonstrated by the facts of the present case, in which the bank had had to wait for over nine years after its demand for payment until Mr Justice Leggatt gave judgment in its favour.

His Lordship was therefore unable to accept the reasoning of the Court of Appeal in the present case; his Lordship could not help feeling that if they had had the benefit of authority cited to the House, they would not have reached the conclusion they did.

Lord Bridge, Lord Brandon, Lord Griffiths and Lord Jauncey agreed.

Solicitors: Thomas Cooper & Stibbard.

Test of intention to secure preference in insolvency

In re M. C. Bacon Ltd

Before Mr Justice Millett

[Judgment November 30]

In deciding whether the granting of a debenture was a voidable preference the court no longer had to inquire whether there was "a dominant intention to prefer" since section 44(1) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914 had now been replaced by section 239 of the Insolvency Act 1986 whereby the court had to consider whether the company's decision was influenced by a desire to produce the effect mentioned in section 239(4)(b) which was a completely different test.

Mr Justice Millett so held in the Chancery Division when dismissing a claim brought by the applicant liquidator of M. C. Bacon Ltd for a debenture granted by the company to the first respondent, National Westminster Bank plc, under section 239 of the 1986 Act, to be set aside as a voidable preference.

In dismissing the action his Lordship also dismissed the applicant's claim that the debenture constituted a transaction at an undervalue under section 238 of the 1986 Act.

The second respondent was the administrative receiver of the company.

Section 239 of the 1986 Act provides: "(4) . . . a company gives a preference to a person if – . . . (b) the company does anything or suffers anything to be done which . . . has the effect of putting that person into a position which, in the event of the company going into insolvent liquidation, will be better than the position he would have been in if that thing had not been done.

"(5) The court shall not make an order under this section in respect of a preference given to any person unless the company which gave the preference was influenced in deciding to give it by a desire to produce in relation to that person the effect mentioned in subsection (4)(b).

Mr Geoffrey Vos and Mr David Lord for the liquidator; Mr John Lindsay, QC and Mr George Mann for the first respondent.

MR JUSTICE MILLETT said that the company went into creditors' voluntary liquidation on August 24, 1987 with an estimated deficiency as regards unsecured creditors, of £329,435. At that date the company's overdraft at the National Westminster Bank stood at £235,530. The overdraft was secured by a debenture dated May 20, 1987 and granted by the company.

On September 4, 1987 the bank demanded payment and on the same day it appointed the second respondent as administrative receiver of the company. The applicant was appointed liquidator at a meeting of creditors on September 7, 1989.

So far as his Lordship was aware this was the first case under the section and its meaning had been the subject of some debate before him. He would therefore attempt to provide some guidance.

The section replaced section 44(1) of the Bankruptcy Act 1914, which in certain circumstances deemed fraudulent and avoided payments made and other transaction entered into in favour of a creditor "with a view of giving such creditor . . . a preference over the other creditors".

Section 44(1) and its predecessors had been construed by the courts as requiring the person seeking to avoid the payment or other transaction to establish that it had been made "with the dominant intention to prefer" the creditor.

Section 44(1) had been replaced, and its language had been entirely recast. Every single word of significance, whether in the former statutory definition or in its judicial exposition, had been jettisoned.

"View", "dominant", "intention" and even "to prefer" had all been discarded. These were replaced by "influenced", "desire" and "to produce in relation to that person the effect mentioned in subsection (4)(b)".

His Lordship emphatically protested against the citation of cases decided under the old law. They could not be of any assistance when the language of the statute had been so completely and deliberately changed.

It might be that many of the cases which would come before the courts in future would be decided in the same way that they would have been decided under the old law. That might be so, but the grounds of decision would be different.

What the court had to do was to interpret the language of the statute and apply it. It would no longer inquire whether there was "a dominant intention to prefer" the creditor, but whether the company's decision was "influenced by a desire to produce . . . the effect mentioned in subsection (4)(b)".

That was a completely different test. It involved at least two radical departures from the old law.

It was no longer necessary to establish a dominant intention to prefer. It was sufficient that the decision was influenced by the requisite desire. That was the first change.

The second was that it was no longer sufficient to establish an intention to prefer. There must be a desire to produce the effect mentioned in the subsection.

That second change was made necessary by the first, for without it, it would be virtually impossible to uphold the validity of a security taken in exchange for the injection of fresh funds into a company in financial difficulties.

A man was taken to intend the necessary consequences of his actions, so that an intention to grant a security to a creditor necessarily involved an intention to prefer that creditor in the event of insolvency.

The need to establish that such intention was dominant was essential under the old law to prevent perfectly proper transactions from being struck down.

With the abolition of that requirement, intention could not remain the relevant test. Desire had been substituted. That was a very different matter.

Intention was objective; desire was subjective. A man could choose the lesser of two evils without desiring either.

It was not, however, sufficient to establish a desire to make the payment or grant the security which it was sought to avoid. There must have been a desire to produce the effect mentioned in the subsection, that was to say, to improve the creditor's position in the event of an insolvent liquidation.

A man was not to be taken as desiring all the necessary consequences of his actions. Some consequences might be of advantage to him and be desired by him; others might not affect him and be matters of indifference to him; while still others might be positively disadvantageous to him and not be desired by him, but be regarded by him as the unavoidable price of obtaining the desired advantages.

It would still be possible to provide assistance to a company in financial difficulties, provided that the parties were actuated only by proper commercial considerations.

Under the new regime, a transaction would not be set aside as a voidable preference unless the company positively wished to improve the creditor's position in the event of its own insolvent liquidation.

There was, of course, no need for there to be direct evidence of the requisite desire. Its existence might be inferred from the circumstances of the case, just as the dominant intention could be inferred under the old law.

But the mere presence of the requisite desire would not be sufficient by itself; it must have influenced the decision to enter into the transaction.

It was submitted on behalf of the bank that it must have been the factor which "tipped the scales". His Lordship disagreed. That was not what subsection (5) said. It required only that the desire should have influenced the decision.

That requirement was satisfied if it was one of the factors which operated on the minds of those who made the decision. It need not have been the only factor, or even the decisive one.

It was not necessary to prove that, if the requisite desire had not been present, the company would not have entered into the transaction. That would be too high a test.

It was also submitted that the relevant time was the time when the debenture was created. That could not be right. The relevant time was the time when the decision to grant it was made.

Solicitors: William Prior & Co; Wilde Sapte.

Public policy denies applicant a copy of his birth certificate

Regina v Registrar-General, Ex Parte Smith

Before Lord Justice Watkins and Mr Justice Garland

[Judgment November 30]

Evaluation of future conduct was a legitimate consideration to take into account in applying public policy to deny an applicant a statutory right.

Therefore, having regard to potential menace to the safety of the applicant's natural mother, and possibly others related to him by blood or otherwise, public policy positively demanded that the applicant, detained as a patient in Broadmoor, should not be supplied with a copy of his birth certificate.

If what was deemed to be an appropriate head of public policy was apparently novel and wanting until now of expression being given to it that was no reason at all to deny it a place in the relevant law.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court so held in refusing an application by Charlie Smith for, *inter alia*, an order of *certiorari* to quash a decision of the Registrar-General that she would not provide Mr Smith with the information necessary to enable him to obtain a certified copy of the record of his birth.

Mr Richard Gordon for the applicant; Mr John Laws as *amicus curiae*.

LORD JUSTICE WATKINS, giving the judgment of the court, said that the applicant, now aged 30, was detained in Broadmoor by virtue of a transfer direction pursuant to section 37 of the Mental Health Act 1983.

On October 7, 1977, at Northampton Crown Court, he had been convicted of a most brutal and sadistic murder; the victim was a man who just happened to be walking alone in a public park. It was more than likely that that murder was done in the course of robbery.

In June 1979 the applicant had been sharing a cell in Wormwood Scrubs with a prisoner with whom he apparently got on well.

According to a statement made by the applicant, he woke during the night and thought he saw his adoptive mother in the corner of the cell. It was in fact his fellow prisoner.

He launched a vicious attack on him and eventually strangled him with the sleeve of his shirt. At the Central Criminal Court on January 28, 1980 he was convicted of manslaughter.

The applicant was not a person under a disability in the strict sense but was extremely disturbed and unstable. He had been adopted when he was only a few months old. He had expressed extreme hatred for his adoptive parents and left their home as soon as he was able to and had quickly resorted to crime.

Early in 1987 he had instructed solicitors to make an application to the Registrar-General for a copy of his original birth certificate under section 51 of the Adoption Act 1976.

Under that a person who had attained the age of 18 years, and who was adopted before November 12, 1975, applied if he so wished in the prescribed manner for such information as was necessary to enable him to obtain a certified copy of the record of his birth.

Before supplying such information the Registrar-General was obliged to inform the applicant of certain counselling service arrangements. In the case of anyone adopted after November 12, 1975 the counselling provisions did not apply and such an applicant was immediately entitled to the relevant information.

After lengthy correspondence, the applicant's solicitors were informed in October 1988 that the Registrar-General had decided that she would not supply the necessary information. That decision was taken in the light of medical and social reports which had become available to her.

The court had accepted the submission of Mr Laws that counselling was wholy ancillary to disclosure of the relevant information; the applicant had but to attend an interview for counselling and having done so, was absolutely entitled to the information. The two could not be sensibly separated.

Mr Gordon had submitted that the Act provided an absolute entitlement to the relevant information once the necessary counselling step had been taken. No head of public policy could bar that absolute entitlement.

The cases relied on by Mr Laws, *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Hosein* ([1981] QB 767) and *R v Chief National Insurance Commissioner, Ex parte Connor* ([1981] QB 758) were, he said, concerned with past criminality which vitiated the applicant's right to a statutory benefit which had been approached by criminal wrongdoing; manslaughter in the case of *Connor*, forgery and perjury in the case of *Puttick*.

Public policy had never extended to the evaluation of future conduct, that is, the risk in the instant case of the applicant behaving towards his natural mother as he had behaved towards the fellow prisoner.

Mr Laws had argued that an absolute statutory duty should bow to a principle of public policy where compliance with it would give rise to a real risk of serious crime being committed or other serious danger being caused to a member of the public; the *Puttick* principle should have effect to that end.

But Mr Gordon had contended that it followed from the *ratio of Puttick* and *Connor* that if public policy was to operate as a bar to an absolute statutory right there had to be demonstrated:

1 An acknowledged head of public policy; for example that a person was not entitled to profit from his own criminality.

2 Parliament in passing the relevant legislation been deemed to have been made aware of the background of the law as it stood at the time (*per* Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice in *Connor* (at p765) and adopted by Lord Justice Donaldson in *Puttick* (at p173).

Mr Gordon, therefore submitted that the head of public policy contended for by Mr Laws could not be regarded as well established or a necessary background to the legislation when it was passed. Parliament could easily have legislated so as to give the Registrar-General some discretion but had not done so.

Persuasively presented though Mr Gordon's submissions had been, their Lordships were convinced that Mr Laws was correct.

They did not see any essential difference between a claimed settlement to an absolute statutory right based on past criminality and a claim that same statutory right when there was a real risk that if the right was conferred it might be used for future criminality.

It was their Lordships' firm view, having regard to the safety in the future of the natural mother of the applicant, and possibly others related to him by blood or otherwise, that a public policy consideration positively demanded that they refuse to grant the relief sought by the applicant.

It was, they thought, beyond belief that Parliament contemplated that an adopted child's right to obtain a birth certificate should be absolute come what may. The public at large, knowing the essentials of the facts considered would, the court had no doubt, be outraged if that were so.

If what their Lordships deemed to be an appropriate head of public policy was apparently novel and wanting until now of expression being given to it, that was no reason at all to deny it a place in the relevant law. That it had a place there and could appropriately and must be applied to the crucial issue in this application the court had no doubt.

Their Lordships appreciated, of course, that a public policy consideration could not be recognized as such unless there was at common law in the public interest a compelling reason for it to exist; furthermore, that its application by judges to legislation seemingly in absolute terms was a comparitive rarity.

But where, as here, the need for that to be done was glaringly clear, the public policy consideration must be regarded as paramount.

It had been suggested that since the relief sought was a discretionary remedy the court could dispose of it by declining, in the exercise of its general discretion, to grant the prerogative writs and declarations sought. However, having regard to the reasons their Lordships had given for their decision, to contemplate in that discretionary way, refusing relief would, it was considered, be entirely inappropriate.

The application was refused.

Solicitors: Donnelly & Elliott, Gosport; Treasury Solicitor.

European Law Report — Luxembourg

Language policy clash with worker's freedom

Groener v Minister for Education and Another

Case 379/87

Before O. Due, President and Judges Sir Gordon Slynn, C. N. Kakouris, F. A. Schockweiler, M. Zuleeg, T. Koopmans, G. F. Mancini, R. Joliet, T. F. O'Higgins, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida and F. Grévisse

Advocate General M. Darmon (Opinion May 16, 1989)

[Judgment November 28]

The implementation of a policy for the protection and promotion of a language of a member state might not encroach upon a fundamental freedom such as that of the free movement of workers.

In September 1982 Mrs Groener, a Netherlands national, was engaged on a temporary basis as a part-time art teacher in the College of Marketing and Design, Dublin, which was under the authority of the City of Dublin Vocational Education Committee.

In July 1984 she applied for a permanent full-time post as a lecturer in art at that college. Since she did not hold the *Ceard-Teastas Gaeilge* (certificate of proficiency in the Irish language) required for appointment to such a post, Mrs Groener applied to the minister for an exemption, but that request was refused.

The reason given for the refusal was that there were other fully qualified candidates for the post. The minister however gave his consent to her being appointed provided that she first passed the examination.

Mrs Groener followed a four-week course and took the examination, however she did not pass.

Steps subsequently taken both by Mrs Groener and by the college, her employer, to secure her engagement for the academic year 1985-1986 as a full-time lecturer under a temporary contract, or for her to be granted an exemption from the obligation to prove her knowledge of Irish, were unsuccessful.

Mrs Groener then instituted proceedings for judicial review against the minister and the education committee before the High Court, Dublin, maintaining that the conditions laid down in the relevant administrative measures were contrary to article 48 of the EEC Treaty and to Regulation (EEC) No 1612/68 of the Council of October 15, 1968 on the freedom of movement for workers within the Community (OJ, English special edition, 1968 II, p475).

The High Court stayed its proceedings and referred three questions to the Court of Justice of the European Communities for a preliminary ruling.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held as follows:

It was apparent that the obligation to prove a knowledge of the Irish language imposed by the national provisions in question applied without distinction to Irish and other Community nationals, except as regarded the exemptions which might be allowed for nationals of other member states.

Since the second indent of article 3(1) of Regulation No 1612/68 was not applicable where linguistic requirements were justified by reason of the nature of the post to be filled it was appropriate first to consider the question whether the nature of a permanent full-time post of lecturer in art in public vocational education institutions was such as to justify the requirement of a knowledge of the Irish language.

To apprehend the full scope of that question, regard was to be had to the special linguistic situation in Ireland, as it appeared from article 8 of the *Bunreacht na hEireann* (Irish Constitution) which provided:

"1 The Irish language as the national language is the first official language.

"2 The English language is recognized as a second official language.

"3 Provision may, however, be made by law for the exclusive use of either of the said languages for any one or more official purposes, either throughout the state or in any part thereof."

It was apparent from the documents before the Court that, although Irish was not spoken by the whole Irish population, the policy followed by Irish Governments for many years had been designed not only to maintain but also to promote the use of Irish as a means of expressing national identity and culture.

It was for that reason that Irish courses were compulsory for children receiving primary education and optional for those receiving secondary education.

The obligation imposed on lecturers in public vocational education schools to have a certain knowledge of the Irish language was one of the measures adopted by the Irish Government in furtherance of that policy.

The EEC Treaty did not prohibit the adoption of a policy for the protection and promotion of a language of a member state which was both the national language and the first official language.

However, the implementation of such a policy might not encroach upon the fundamental freedom such as that of the free movement of workers.

Therefore, the requirements deriving from measures intended to implement such a policy might not in any circumstances be disproportionate in relation to the aim pursued and the manner in which they were applied might not bring about discrimination against nationals of other member states.

The importance of education for the implementation of such a policy had to be recognized.

Teachers had an essential role to play, not only through the teaching which they provided but also by their participation in the daily life of the school and the privileged relationship which they had with their pupils.

In those circumstances, it was not unreasonable to require them to have some knowledge of the first national language.

It followed that the requirement imposed on teachers to have an adequate knowledge of such a language was to be regarded as a condition corresponding to the knowledge required by reason of the nature of the post to be filled within the meaning of the last sub-paragraph of article 3(1) of Regulation No 1612/68, provided that the level of knowledge required was not disproportionate in relation to the objective pursued.

On those grounds, the European Court ruled:

A permanent full-time post of lecturer in public vocational education institutions was a post of such a nature as to justify the requirement of linguistic knowledge, within the meaning of the last sub-paragraph of article 3(1) of Regulation No 1612/68 of the Council, provided that the linguistic requirement in question was imposed as part of a policy for the promotion of the national language which was, at the same time, the first official language and provided that that requirement was applied in a proportionate and non-discriminatory manner.

Adjournment lawful

Regina v Stevenage Justices, Ex parte Johl

Where justices had been assured by the prosecution in open court on the day when mode of trial proceedings were due to take place that the prosecution intended to issue a notice of transfer of the case to the crown court, pursuant to section 4 of the Criminal Justice Act 1987, they could lawfully adjourn the mode of trial proceedings although all the parties were ready to proceed.

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Mann and Mr Justice Rose) so held on November 23 in dismissing an application for *mandamus* of Kirpal Johl of the refusal of the Stevenage Justices to hear and determine mode of trial proceedings on October 30, 1989 in relation to a charge of obtaining property by deception.

MR JUSTICE ROSE said that it was impossible to accept the applicant's argument that the justices, by adjourning the case, were providing the prosecution with an unlimited time in which to prepare the case.

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Robert Howard describes an unusual foot race in which it is an achievement to reach the start

Marathon runners who found their true Everest

Conditions for the start of the second Everest Marathon were perfect. It was 7am and the air temperature had risen to -10°C. There was no wind to stir the fine glacial dust at Gorak Shep, the last stone hut before the Everest base camp and the only cloud was a plume blowing from the top of Everest itself.

Seventy-nine runners from eight countries, clad in thermal underwear and down jackets rather than the traditional vest and shorts, were waiting to set off.

Each of them was relieved to be running at all, as in the world's highest marathon just reaching the start had been an achievement. They had left friends and families behind to fly to Katmandu, the pagoda-roofed capital of Nepal, and from there made an arduous 15-day trek through the terraced Himalayan foothills into the heart of the world's highest mountains.

It is a romantic journey but one full of hazards for the runners. A few had sprained ankles and pulled muscles, caused by training on the unfamiliar ground. Many more had suffered from diarrhoea and sickness, travelling in the primitive conditions of the world's second poorest country.

Once above 10,000 feet the temperatures dropped as low as -20°C and there was the ever-present threat of acute mountain sickness (AMS). This is a reaction to the lack of oxygen at higher altitudes and unless the body gradually adjusts it can cause fluid on the lungs or brain and death. Just a week before the race, three Japanese trekkers failed to acclimatize and died as a result.

The long walk-in should have allowed a safe acclimatization but AMS is unpredictable and Heather Clark, aged 48, from Haslemere, Surrey, who was supporting her husband Tom, aged 50, suffered a severe attack.

She was quickly diagnosed by one of the 10 doctors accompanying the group and carried down the mountainside overnight by a team of Sherpas. She recovered well at a lower altitude and fortunately none of the runners suffered the same fate.

It was no wonder Eugene Kavanagh, aged 50, a Dubliner who runs up to 15 marathons a year, described the trek as "a battle for survival". Only Angela Carson, a former British fell running champion from Cumbria, found the going too tough and turned back. The rest, supported by the doctors, guided by Sherpas and with the help of over 250 porters and 80 load-carrying yaks made it to the start.

The question for those going to Everest is "Why?" Steven Cooper, from London, responded for all the runners. "I have always wanted to see Everest and the chance to run here as well was too good to miss." In other words the traditional answer, "Because it is there!"

In the world's oddest marathon most aimed simply to complete the course but an elite few were out to win. Stewart Dutfield, aged 34, a Briton living in New Jersey, had returned to defend his title after winning the first race in 1987 in 4hr 53min. But against better opposition he did not expect to win again.

A team of eight from the 2nd King Edward's Own Gurkhas, based in Hong Kong, were representing Nepal, along with four of the best Sherpas. The only man likely to challenge them was Jack Maitland, a 27-year-old Scot.

Maitland is a mercurial character who turns up at the world's hardest races. A former international orienteer and British fell running champion, he won the

> **'A week before the race three Japanese trekkers failed to acclimatize and died'**

Guinness Mount Cameroon race up a 13,000ft volcano in West Africa last January and was fitting in the Everest Marathon before going to the Commonwealth Games in New Zealand, as part of the Scottish triathlon team.

Only Maitland and one of the Gurkhas braved the cold and started in shorts. Tony Hunt, a 45-year-old antiques dealer from Norfolk, who had the original idea for the race, flagged them off.

Gorak Shep is at 17,000 feet (higher than any summit in Europe) and although the start was enthusiastic the first slight rise reduced many to a walk. At that altitude there is only 54 per cent of the oxygen that we are used to breathing at sea level and any over-exertion quickly brings on oxygen debt and a gasping halt.

The race is mostly downhill, finishing at the Sherpa capital of Namche Bazaar (11,200 feet) but the terrain, altitude and a few steep climbs along the way are challenge enough.

For the first five miles, which took competitors across the moraine beside the Khumbu glacier and over the boulder fields and ice patches below Everest, the Gurkhas and Sherpas set a starting pace only Maitland could live with.

Next came a steep descent to the Pheriche Valley and the only accident of the race. Ian Stansfield, aged 46, from Todmorden, Lancashire, fell badly and broke an ankle.

Doctors were positioned at three-mile intervals down the course, each with a stretcher and an oxygen set, and the race back-up team carried Stansfield to the nearest aid post.

On the next section, down the Dudh Kosi Valley, the narrow rocky trail was often hundreds of feet above the river and supreme concentration was needed. There was no time to look up at the sheer ice walls of Mount Ama Dablam as a fall here could result in far worse than a broken ankle.

Another hazard was the yak trains which sometimes occupied the trail. Their fearsome horns and sheer bulk blocked the path very effectively and often the only option was to scramble up a bank out of their way, losing time.

By the halfway stage, at the burnt out Buddhist monastery of Tengboche, Gurkha Kusang Gurung led from a second Gurkha, a Sherpa and Maitland, who was four minutes down. A steep, dusty descent through a pine and rhododendron forest allowed the Nepalese to extend their lead but then a long 1,500ft ascent to the 20-mile mark changed the race.

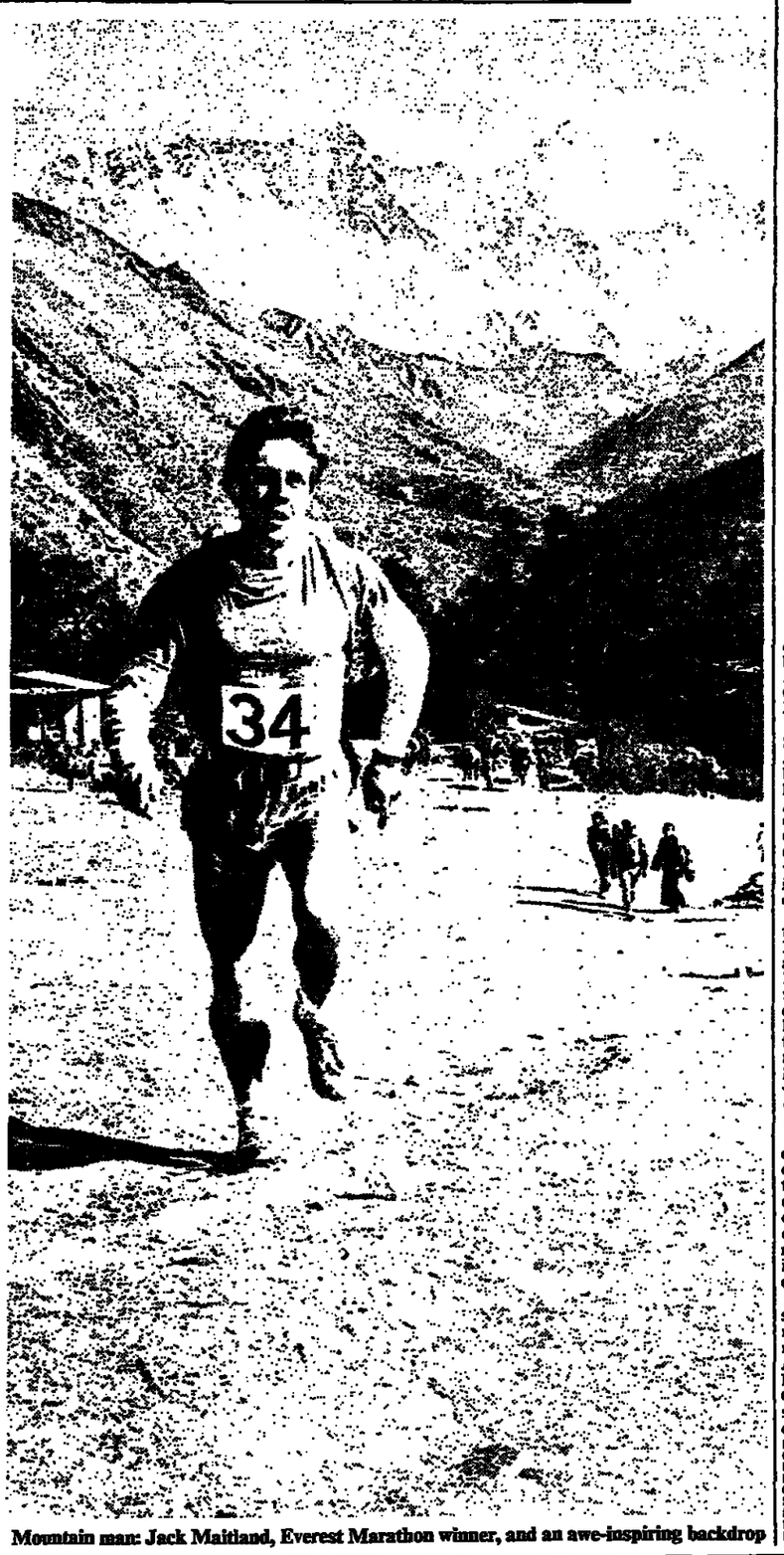
Maitland is renowned for his climbing powers and pulled back to take the lead from Kusang Gurung. The race was then between these two over the undulating last six miles. Maitland used his experience: "My calves ached but I dug in on every ascent and never looked back". His determination was sufficient to break the Gurkha and with three miles to go he pulled away to win in 3hr 59min 04sec.

Behind him the Nepalese took seven of the top 10 places and Dutfield improved his time to 4hr 28min 39sec but could only take fifth. The first American home was J Martin Jones, aged 47, who won the veterans' prize, coming 11th in 5hr 06min 51sec. Dawn Kenwright, from Wales, came 16th in 5hr 44min 32sec to win the women's race.

The Sherpas of Namche Bazaar cheered throughout the day as the finishers came in. All of them were running for Nepalese charities which provide clean water and health care to those in need. The Rev John Webster, aged 56, from Glasgow, had returned after competing in the 1987 race to raise over £8,000. The race organizers, Bufo Ventures Ltd, a Lakeland-based holiday company, expect the race to raise over £25,000 in total.

Angus Campbell, from Clydebank, ran the race wearing a kilt and carrying bagpipes and was there to pipe in the last finishers who took 12 hours to struggle round.

They finished well after dark and as the lights from their torches bobbed down the hill every runner and the whole of Namche Bazaar shouted, cheered and whistled. It was an emotional and fitting climax to a day when British sporting tradition at its best came to Everest and triumphed.



Mountain man: Jack Maitland, Everest Marathon winner, and an awe-inspiring backdrop

AMERICAN FOOTBALL

Eagles set to swoop on limping Giants

By Robert Kirley

The Philadelphia Eagles contest their most important game of the National Football League season when they play away to the New York Giants on Sunday. Rest could be a factor. Philadelphia have not played since Thanksgiving, eight days ago, and New York are limping from their loss to the San Francisco 49ers on Monday night. Lawrence Taylor, eight times a Pro Bowl linebacker for the Giants, will miss the game because of an ankle sprain.

A Philadelphia win would give each club a record of nine victories and four defeats in the National Football Conference (NFC) East. A "season sweep" would give the Eagles the play-off tie-break if the sides finish with identical records.

Lack of rest is not always disadvantageous. Early in October, the Eagles played on a Monday night then faced the Giants the following Sunday. Philadelphia won 21-19.

The Cincinnati Bengals, Super Bowl runners-up last January, have lost five of their last seven games, but they still have a chance to win the American Football Conference Central division. On Sunday, Cincinnati must win away to the Cleveland Browns, the divisional leaders. The rapidly improving Pittsburgh Steelers could figure in the race.

The Green Bay Packers and the Minnesota Vikings lead the NFC Central with seven wins and five defeats apiece. Green Bay, who have not had legitimate play-off aspirations in a decade, brace for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, who have defeated the Packers in their last three meetings. The Chicago Bears, spluttering week after week, have yet to play Minnesota, Green Bay and San Francisco.

Dan Marino, the quarterback of the Miami Dolphins, requires only 10 passing yards to attain the 3,000-yard plateau and equal Dan Fouts's league record of six seasons with 3,000 yards or more. Marino has been resting a shoulder injury. Marion Campbell has resigned as coach of the Atlanta Falcons.

The city of Sacramento has sold $91.8 million (about £58 million) in bonds with $50 million set aside to lure the Los Angeles Raiders or any other NFL team to the capital of California. If a club has not been secured in 90 days, the city can divert the funds to public works.

FIXTURES: Sunday: Cincinnati at Cleveland; Green Bay at Tampa Bay; Houston at Pittsburgh; Indianapolis at New England; LA Rams at Dallas; Miami at Kansas City; New Orleans at Detroit; Philadelphia at NY Giants; San Francisco at Atlanta; Denver at LA Raiders; NY Jets at San Diego; Washington at Phoenix; Chicago at Minnesota. Monday: Buffalo at Seattle.

STUDENT SPORT

Intriguing fixtures on offer in play-offs

By Mark Herbert

Several distinguished teams, having failed to qualify directly, are involved in the UAU play-offs for places in the challenge round of the five outdoor winter championships on Wednesday. The final arithmetic has produced some intriguing fixtures.

Swansea, the rugby union finalists last season, did themselves a favour losing to Cardiff: the latter qualified into the eighth-finals, but are in the lower half of the draw, with Loughborough, the champions, Nottingham, Bath and Durham.

Swansea, who play off against Leicester, have only Newcastle likely to impede their progress in their half.

Assuming they beat their play-off opponents, Loughborough and Birmingham, last year's football finalists, are drawn to meet in the quarter-finals. Again, the top half of the competition looks open, with Newcastle, Kent, Swansea and Bristol the qualifiers, and Exeter, the only of last year's semi-finalists in this section, having to play off against Essex to meet Swansea.

In the women's hockey, Exeter, last year's finalists, play Surrey for a place against Loughborough, the champions, in the eighth-finals. The men have run largely to form, with Durham, Loughborough, Birmingham, the champions, and Manchester qualifying in the top half, and Royal Holloway, Swansea, Southampton and University College, London, in the lower.

Birmingham, the netball champions, have qualified as group winners, but Lancaster, Warwick and Loughborough all must play off.

The British polytechnics play their eighth-finals on Wednesday, too, and there are surprises: Leeds, narrowly beaten by Brighton in last season's football final, have failed to qualify; and Wales's absence leaves the rugby union open. Staffordshire, Portsmouth, Sheffield and Kingston, last season's men's hockey semi-finalists, have survived qualifying; while Liverpool and Brighton, the women's finalists, are seeded to meet in the semi-finals.

UAU RESULTS: Rugby Union: Sheffield 20, Leeds 3. Men's Hockey: Newcastle 2, Bradford 1; Sheffield 3, Nottingham 2; Sheffield 3, Hull 0 (Saturday). Football: Sheffield 3, Hull 0.

● Crewe and Alsager, the British colleges women's hockey champions, reached the semi-finals with a 3-1 win over Humberside, on Wednesday. They play Chester on February 7. Bedford meet West London IHE in the other match.

BCSA RESULTS: Semi-finals: Women's Hockey: Crewe and Alsager 3, Humberside 1; Chester 1, Ripon and York 0; Bedford 4, St Mary's 0; St Paul and St Mary 0, WLIHE 1. Mens: Jordanhill 3, Humberside 1; Ripon and York 2, Crewe and Alsager 1; St Mary's 1, West Sussex IHE 2.

EQUESTRIANISM

Whitaker's stamping ground

By Jenny MacArthur

John Whitaker hopes to move a step nearer to his goal of winning a record £250,000 in one season with Next Milton when they compete at the Volvo World Cup show in Bordeaux this weekend. The centrepiece of the three-day show is the World Cup qualifier on Sunday, the fifth in the series of 11, which offers a car worth £13,000 as first prize.

Whitaker, whose winnings this season already total just under £220,000 — the previous record prize-money for a British show jumper in one season was Milton's £124,784 last year — is part of a four-strong British contingent competing at the show. David Broome, who is lying third in the European League, Nick Skelton and Joe Turi make up the four.

Before leaving for France, Whitaker said he was hopeful of reaching his target. "I've got two more shows after Bordeaux — Frankfurt and Olympia, and the prize-money at both is good."

Olympia will be his last show under the Next banner. He and his brother, Michael, have a new joint sponsor, to be announced later this month.

Although Whitaker has competed at two World Cup shows this season, Hanover and Berlin, finishing fifth and fourteenth respectively on Next Gaumont, this is his first with Next Milton, who has been resting since competing in The Netherlands last month.

Bordeaux has been a happy stamping ground for Whitaker. In 1984 he won with Clonee



Whitaker: personal target

Temple and the following year with Next Milton, then aged eight — a significant early win in the horse's career and still sharp in the memory of Milton's foot-stamping Gallic followers, who have virtually adopted the pair.

With the first two in the European League — Franke Sloothaak, of West Germany, and Emma-Jane Mac, of Britain — missing from Bordeaux, Whitaker's main rivals are likely to be the other Britons and the Frenchmen, Hervé Godignon and Roger-Eve Boste.

The three Britons have shown superb form this season. Skelton is riding Burmah Grand Slam, winner of the £11,000 Amsterdam Masters last month; Broome is reunited with Queensway Lannegan, the winner of two grands prix in Scandinavia earlier this season; and Turi, who could prove the biggest threat of all, is riding his mare, Country Classics Mark Two, who was narrowly beaten into second place by Boste in Hanover and placed in every grand prix on which she has competed this season.

How a fat old farm horse gained Olympic charisma

> ***Which are the best sports books of 1989? Specialists on The Times deliver their verdicts. Today: JENNY MACARTHUR on equestrianism***

When Mark Todd first went to try Charisma, the horse on which he was to win two successive Olympic three-day event gold medals, he nearly got straight back into the car. It was the beginning of winter in New Zealand and Todd, then a dairy farmer, had driven two hours from his home on North Island to see the horse. He was confronted with "a fat, hairy little creature who didn't look as if he could possibly be a suitable event horse."

Luckily, as Todd recounts in *Charisma* (Threshold Books, £12.95) — the story of his unique horse, elegantly compiled by Gillian Newsum of *Country Life* — he was persuaded to sit on him. Despite their discrepancy in size — Charisma is only 15.3 hands, Todd is 6ft 4in — he liked the feel of the horse and agreed to take on the ride. "I thought he was unlikely to make an international eventer," Todd recalled. "But he would be useful for one-day events."

The rest, as they say, is history. Four successive victories in New Zealand, runner-up at Badminton in 1984 and the individual gold at Los Angeles. Four more glorious years followed, culminating in Todd's courageous decision to take the 16-year-old horse to Seoul for a crack at a second gold medal.

There they became only the second partnership in the history of the sport to achieve two successive gold medals. For Todd, criticized for wanting to take an old horse to the Olympics, it was "the sweetest victory of all."

The horse's story is full of drama — Todd almost lost the ride on him after Los Angeles — and is well told here with the help of testimonials from others in the sport and superb colour and black-and-white photographs.

Those wanting to know the formula for the making of a top event horse should take note of Charisma's early life. By the thoroughbred, Tina Mink, out of a show jumping mare, he was bred on a farm in New Zealand, where his balance and athleticism were fostered by hours spent shepherding, mustering, carrying sheep, crossing rivers and jumping fences and gates, often in steep country. No wonder, when he came to England in 1984 at the age of 12, he made Badminton look small.

A more orthodox approach to the training of a young event horse is employed by the world champion, Virginia Leng, whose formidable eventing set-up has been compared with a grand prix racing driver and his team of mechanics. In *Grooming for Ginny*, by Elaine Pickworth (Threshold Books, £9.95), we get a glimpse behind the scenes of the famous Ivyleaze Yard in Gloucestershire which, under the eagle eye of Leng's mother, Heather Holgate, has achieved a reputation second to none in the eventing world.

One wonders how Mrs Holgate, a perfectionist, tolerated the young Miss Pickworth who, on her own admission, made a variety of "silly" mistakes in the early years, including over-sleeping at the 1986 world championships. Perhaps Pickworth is too self-effacing, since her time at Ivyleaze coincides with all Leng's main achievements — three successive European titles (1985, 1987 and 1989), world champion (1986) and Olympic individual bronze (1988).

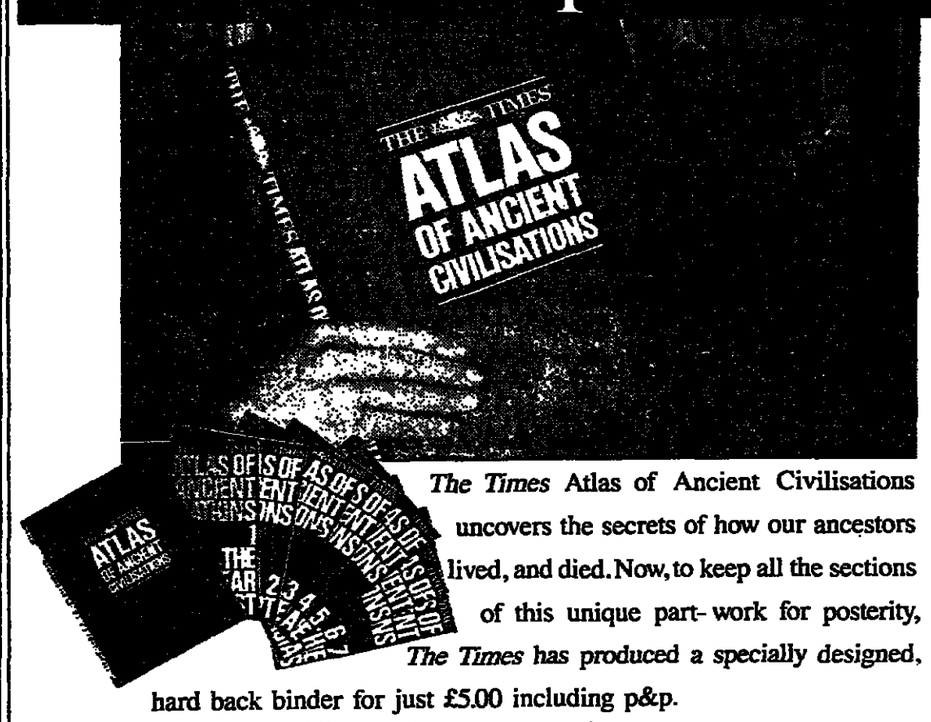
Plenty of interesting snippets behind these wins are revealed here. In Seoul, in the intense heat of cross-country day, Leng held a pack of ice between her horse's ears throughout the second roads-and-tracks phase to keep him cool. Such is the dedication of a true champion.

The key role played by a groom in the success of an event rider is underlined by Guy Wathen in *Horse Trials* (Partridge Press, £16.95), an informative, well-written and all-embracing guide to eventing, in which Colonel Wathen, a former event rider, scrutinizes every aspect of the sport from training the young horse to the complexities of sponsorship. "A groom," he says, "in addition to the normal chores . . . can have a significant psychological effect on his charge."

A good groom, however, is easier to find than an ideal event horse, especially when, as Wathen points out, Badminton winners come in such different forms as Jane Bullen's 15-hands "pony", Our Nobby, and Frank Weldon's 17-hands Kilbarry, "a horse who would not have looked out of place in the paddock at Cheltenham."

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GOLF

Rankings rivals are taken aback by Strange's fine start

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Melbourne

Curtis Strange gave further evidence of his determination to be regarded as the best golfer in the world when, with a first round of 65, he captured the lead in the Australian Open on the Kingston Heath course here.

In so doing Strange equalled the course record, established by Gary Player in 1970, took a one-shot lead and distanced himself from Nick Faldo (68) and Greg Norman (72), both of whom are above him in the Sony world rankings.

This has been Faldo's year but in retaining the US Open at Oak Hill in June Strange emphasized his supreme artistry on the more demanding courses.

Although conditions were perfect for low scoring, with little or no wind to trouble the players, Strange produced golf of the highest calibre and was also favoured by fortune, holing his nine-iron shot from 138 yards at the second for one of two eagles, whereas Norman found that luck was running against him.

Twice at the 14th hole he was compelled to drop under penalty. The eight which he eventually marked on his card once again brought to mind the words of Tom Watson when he was asked why the mercurial Australian has won only one big championship.

Card of course

Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	456	4	10	143	3
2	365	4	11	403	4
3	297	4	12	484	5
4	390	4	13	355	4
5	188	3	14	549	5
6	434	4	15	155	3
7	502	5	16	422	4
8	431	4	17	457	4
9	395	4	18	428	4
Out	3,421	36	In	3,396	36

Total yardage: 6,817 Par: 72

"There is nothing wrong with his game," Watson said. 'It's just that you can't win without luck. I know Tom Watson has had more than his share of luck in his career. Greg hasn't. And there is no rule that says it will even out in the end."

Gordon Brand Jnr and Howard Clark, like Faldo, both scored 68, although the shot of the day was executed by Ben Jackson, a lesser known British player, who holed his second shot with a two-iron at the 12th for an albatross two.

Brand enjoyed a memorable run of five birdies in six holes during which time he struck his irons with great authority. He began the sequence with a two at the 10th, where he hit a nine-iron tee shot to two feet. He was as close again with his eight-iron approach at the next.

Brand left nothing to chance by arriving here last Saturday. "I have felt the full force of jet lag in the past," Brand said. "It is imperative to be ready to play. I like it down here, having won the South Australian Open last year, but I am looking forward to a few weeks rest."

Faldo, too, will be ready to put the clubs away following the Johnnie Walker Classic at Royal Melbourne next week. "I've had treatment most of the year for a wrist injury," Faldo said. "I thought it was fine but I aggravated it doing some stretching exercises suggested by my teacher, David Leadbetter.

"The problem is that the body needs a rest. It's a muscular thing, stemming from the neck, and I plan to have ultrasound and deep heat treatment during the winter."

There was not too much wrong with the way Faldo struck the ball. He nominated his six-iron from out of the rough at the 6th as his best shot with that club all year. "I didn't just have to hit it 185 yards," Faldo said. "I also had to carry a bunker and land the ball at the top of a slope so that it would roll down to the hole." The ball finished two feet from the cup.

LEADING FIRST ROUND SCORES (Australian unless stated): 65: C Strange (US). 68: J Woodland, B Ogle, P Senior, L Trinder. 67: S Bann, M Calcavecchia (US), T Wolsey. 68: N Faldo (GB), H Clark (GB), G Brand Jnr (GB), C Parry, A Edwards (Zim), S Bowden, R Swenson, M Bradley, L Parsons, C Rutherford, C Gray, L Brown, L Stephen, P Fowler. Other scores included: 70: S Torrance (GB), C Moody (GB). 72: M James (GB), G Norman. 73: S Bennett (GB). 78: C Sellberg (Swe).

Leading seniors on edge

From John Ballantine, Ojai, California

Although Jack Nicklaus and Lee Trevino are not due to make their first appearances on the senior tour for another month, Bob Charles, Arnold Palmer and the other established "golden oldies" are already looking nervously over their shoulders at their bank balances and their reputations.

"With Jack and Lee soon eligible, it's going to become a much tougher circuit," Charles, the 1963 Open champion, said yesterday. The New Zealander, who is undoubtedly the greatest left-hander the game has seen, is welcoming the greatest player and his Mexican sidekick with mixed feelings.

Charles, now 53, who was last season's No. 1 with a record $533,929, leads this year's money-list with $592,396 after five victories and this is more than he won in 15 years on the younger men's tour. He can probably clinch the leading position for 1989 by winning the $350,000 GTE Classic, which started in rolling wooded country here just north of Los Angeles yesterday.

Orville Moody, the 1969 US Open Champion, crept within $19,000 of Charles after the Kiwi returned to his farm Down Under in October for a well-earned rest.

"I've played 32 events this year and I'm tired," Charles admitted. "Orville's challenge forced me to return to play the last two events and try to hang on to No. 1."

Briton chases world title in Hawaii's life-threatening surf

JOHN CALLAHAN



Shooting the curl: Potter streaks down the face of a monster wave and aims to cut back hoping for a tube to test his skills off Sunset Beach, Hawaii

Down the tubes in a triple crown quest

When Captain Cook discovered Hawaii, surfing was already the sport of kings. This weekend, a couple of centuries on, another Englishman is arriving in the Islands, bent on toppling the international wave-riding aristocracy and carrying off the Hawaiian triple crown. Should he succeed, Martin Potter will also become the first Briton ever to win the coveted Association of Surfing Professionals (ASP) world title.

After some twenty contests on the 1989 World Tour, Potter — originally from Blyth, Northumberland, now based in Whale Beach, Sydney — has established a 2,000-point lead over his closest rivals. But with more than 5,000 points hanging on the Triple Crown events, the final result is far from being a foregone conclusion. The winner stands to gain not just maximum kudos and prize-money but also the more lucrative rewards of sponsorship deals and business tie-ups.

Christian missionaries to the islands in the nineteenth century outlawed surfing as a pagan ritual. Now Hawaii is the Mecca for surfing pilgrims from all over the world who converge on the North Shore of Oahu in December. This is when and where the biggest waves on the planet break. A 25ft roller is commonplace; occasional *tsunamis* rise to an awe-inspiring 40ft and more.

Over the winter months, a succession of cyclonic low-pressure systems around Alaska's Aleutian Islands generate huge swells that grind across 1,500 miles of open ocean before smashing into the jagged lava and limestone of the North Shore. The collision gives birth to foaming, 'smoking' monsters that rear up out of the water and pitch forward under their own weight in a Niagara of thunder and spray. No one in their right mind would dream of going out in such conditions. But surfers are a breed apart, driven by an obsession that is half hedonism, half death-wish.

The Hawaiian Triple Crown, the last and highest hurdle on the professional surfer's global track, is made up of three separate contests running through Christmas and New Year: the Hard Rock Cafe World Cup, the Marui Masters, and the Billabong Pro. The legendary vennes are Waimea Bay, Pipeline, and Sunset Beach, each with its own hair-raising mix of left-handers and right-handers, tubes, close-outs and rips.

Potter already has a string of victories in Europe and the United States under his belt this year. But Dave Macaskay, the Australian, has recently whittled away his lead, while fellow countrymen, Damien Hardman, and the defending champion, Barton Lynch, lie third and fourth in the race for the world title. Big-wave specialists, the Hawaiians Derek Ho and Sunny Garcia, and the Australian, Gary Elkerton, will still be in contention for the triple crown.

Outside the privileged elite of the leading 16, the lower orders will be fighting their way through the elimination rounds to boost their ratings or simply earn their big-wave spurs. Carwyn Williams, from Wales, will have a chance to redeem himself after a disappointing tour. Spencer Hargraves, the British amateur champion, aged 16, will be trying to establish his credentials before turning professional next year.

Points are awarded for size of wave, length of ride, and virtuosity of manoeuvres. In the past, it has been enough in Hawaii to paddle out among the behemoths and survive. Slotting into the 'tube' (the elusive cylinder formed by the folding wave) is still the last word in style. But this year there is talk of testing out the more experimental 'floaters' and 'aerials' in the ultimate laboratory of Waimea and Pipeline.

Captain Cook came to an untimely end on Hawaii. It remains to be seen whether Potter will be treated more kindly by the life-threatening surf of the North Shore.

Andy Martin

RUGBY UNION: THE GOOD WISHES OF WAYNE SHELFORD PROVOKE REFLECTION

Lions must stay in their place



Gerald Davies

A postscript, then, to the New Zealand visit. Wayne Shelford, their captain, said that he hoped, despite all his team's victories, that the tour served some good for rugby in this country.

However, the regrets that the Lions had not played the last match at Twickenham, instead of the Barbarians, is a tell-tale sign of Shelford's hopes going astray. The match was seen as a wasted, if unlikely, opportunity of sending the All Blacks scuttling home with their tails between their legs.

But why the Lions? They play abroad, in the southern hemisphere, don't they? They did cross the Channel briefly when they returned from Australia and played France in the autumn, and put one on them for good measure. But we should not take that result too seriously, surely? It was a celebratory evening, no more.

But what good would the persistent argument that the Lions should continue to represent the best of rugby in this country ultimately serve the game here? They are made up of players from the four home unions, gathering all the strength available from a population of 60 million against a country, New Zealand, with barely a twentieth of that. To say that this must be so because rugby interest is so much stronger there, is no answer at all.

The summer, when sporting celebration was in such short supply in this country, was a time for champagne corks to pop when the Lions won the series in Australia. But it must be remembered that rugby union is well down the order of sporting priority in Australia.

The Lions have been part of a cherished tradition ever since the four nations could not, because of loss of time and wages, furnish separate teams to travel. Collectively, they found they could muster 30 players. Anyone who has had the good fortune to be picked has found it rewarding and unforgettable. The experience still retains its vivid appeal and an educational role that may still have its place in international sport. But the purpose must be clear.

If there are those who question the Barbarians' claim to the end of tour game, the question can more validly be asked, of the Lions. Having played the individual countries, why should the tourists be pitted, in the final game against the cumulative strength of all the countries?

When Australia won their grand slam of victories against all four countries in 1984 what advantage, what pride, would there have been for the four unions from foisting the Lions on them at the end? The Barbarian tradition is different and one to preserve rather than be replaced by a more meaningless one in the shape of the "Lions at home". The Barbarians are there to say farewell. If the match comes to be seen as a final British and Irish challenge, the better that it should be done under the Barbarians' banner.

The Lions would have been a better prepared team, some have suggested. Others have said that more time was needed for preparation last week. But habits are formed in weeks and seasons, not days. The forwards are developing good habits, but the backs are not. Even in Australia the Lions' backs were not a source of strength, thereby confirming Geoffrey Windsor-Lewis' comment last Saturday that the backs in these islands are not as they were 10 years ago.

In view of the World Cup, the Lions may be an irrelevance. They can be a point of strength, but also a mark of individual weakness. Wales, Ireland, Scotland and England will have to stand on their own in 1991.

Romanian lapse sees new broom

By Chris Thau

Following Romania's defeat in their annual match with the Soviet Union, last October, both national coaches, Theodor Radulescu, of Steaua Bucarest, and Mihai Naca, of Farul Constanta, have been dismissed.

While Naca, appointed assistant coach only three months earlier, has been more or less a victim of circumstances, Radulescu's dismissal was expected, following his decision to appoint his out-of-form son, Alexander, as captain against the Soviet Union. The gamble backfired and the mounting resentment against what Romanian rugby saw as nepotism led to Radulescu's sacking.

The new coaches, Florin Popovici — who has climbed from relative obscurity as coach of a provincial team, Minaur Baia Mare, to the national position — and Mircea Paraschiv, the former international scrum half, took over last month.

The Romanians played host to Zimbabwe and Western Samoa early this season and won both games easily. The wins helped the beleaguered eastern Europeans recapture an optimistic outlook, after the disaster against England, in the spring. But the defeat against the Soviets awakened them to the urgency of the task ahead — taking on Scotland, at Murrayfield, on December 9.

This is Romania's first visit to Edinburgh since 1981 — the year the Scots were the first among the home unions to grant the eastern Europeans full international status. Adrian Lungu, the centre, is the sole survivor of that tour.

SQUAD: M Toader, D Pis, B Serban, C Sasu, S Chirila, A Lungu, N Fulina, C Bruneu, S Cionsu, Z Vasluianu, G Ion, C Stan, G Leonte, G Dumitresu, V Pascu, G Sava, G Ionut, A Damcos, D Neagu, A Fungi, I Dog, O Surjar, D Nistor, H Dumitras, C Raducanu, M Motoc.

Victory double for St Dunstan's duo

Schools rugby by Michael Stevenson

St Dunstan's College from Catford have achieved the considerable honour of contributing two county captains to representative sides. Tim Bennett led Kent 18 Group side to victory over Eastern Counties (16-6) at Thurrock, and Matthew Allen captained the Kent 16 Group which won 18-15.

Two other St Dunstan's players were selected for Kent, Julian Bonny at prop for the 18 Group and Michael Ancona in the centre for the 16 group. King's Taunton have had an excellent season. They drew early on with Downside (6-6) and lost to Blackrock (0-27) during a half-term tour that bought considerable improvement.

Since then they have really flourished, beating Queen's Taunton (52-0), Blundell's (29-3), Millfield (10-3), and Christ College, Brecon (22-6). Perhaps the most satisfying of all their 14 wins from 16 matches was their victory over Sherborne (16-6) early in the term.

Ray Dosser, master-in-charge at RGS High Wycombe writes: "After conceding a try under the posts, High Wycombe played well to deprive Enfield GS of their unbeaten record (30-6). It was a fine team performance." Matthew Dawson, an England 16 Group scrum half last season, more than made up for the absence of the captain, Simon Shaw. Dawson kicked two penalties and two conversions, which, added to his two tries, brought his personal tally to 18 points for the match.

Cheltenham College were delighted with what their master-in-charge, Ian Wright, described as a "rare" victory over Sherborne. The sides were level with a try apiece at the interval. But a final try count of 3-1 brought Cheltenham their 15-7 win and a commendable record of 10 wins and two losses.

Trinity, Croydon's young side had lost four and won three matches up to November 1. But there after they can report three good wins: versus Judd (13-16), KCS Wimbledon (22-0), and Colfe's School (9-14).

Having beaten Cumbria Schools (47-8), Yorkshire (21-3), and Ulster Colts (38-6), Ulster Schools won a hard-fought contest against Leinster Schools (11-7). Methodist College, Belfast are going wonderfully well and possess the remarkable record of 51 wins and two draws from their last 53 matches. Their last defeat was by Ballymena Academy (3-0) in round two of the Ulster Schools Cup in 1988.

Crucial points at stake

League points are at stake on both sides of the Irish border tomorrow with St Mary's College and Terenure College having to win against Blackrock College and Greystones, respectively, to compete in the Premier section of the All Ireland League next season (George Ace writes).

DLSP meet Clontarf in a section two match, while Lansdowne's game against Garryowen, scheduled for Sunday, now goes ahead tomorrow at Belfield.

In Ulster, Malone, Bangor, and Instonians, who all have dropped two League points this season, cannot afford further setbacks.

On form, Malone could account for Dungannon, at Gibson Park; Bangor must be fancied to defeat CIYMS, and Instonians may just edge out NIFC.

● Tomorrow week's Section One games in Leinster have been postponed to February 17 because of the B international against Scotland.

Davies to leave the Midlands

By Michael Austin

Alan Davies, the joint assistant manager on England's tour of Australia last year, yesterday announced that he will resign as the Midlands coach, after four years, at the end of the Toshiba divisional championship, which begins tomorrow.

Davies, the Nottingham coach, said: "I have enjoyed a good run at representative level, and would like to return to it in the future, but coaching club and division is a demanding commitment."

Davies, a Welshman who played centre for Bedford, the RAF and Nottingham before guiding the Beeston club into division one of the Courage Clubs Championship, became the England B coach. But he was not retained this season because, in his own words: "They felt the breadth of coaching needed to be expanded."

Jim Robinson, the former Coventry coach who assists Davies at Nottingham, is his likely successor at Midlands, who meet London at Coventry tomorrow.

Welsh players are banned

Two Welsh players have received bans from the Welsh Rugby Union disciplinary committee. Barry Peebles, the Cross Keys No. 8, was given a 14-week suspension for punching the Newport prop, Alun Williams, on November 8, while Mark Pugh, the South Wales Police prop, received 10 weeks for stamping at Gloucester on the same night.

Peebles, banned for six weeks last season, had that sentence doubled for a second offence within two seasons. Two further weeks were added because he was acting as captain. Pugh's sentence includes a week each for two sin-bin offences this winter.

ICE HOCKEY

Ayr suffer two bans and a fine

By Norman de Mesquita

The British Ice Hockey Association (BIHA) has handed out suspensions and a fine, after the incidents at Whitley Bay on November 19 which saw the abandonment, 21 seconds from the end, of the match in the Heineken League between Whitley Warriors and Ayr Raiders.

The club from Ayr has been fined £1,000 for bringing the game into disrepute and their coach, Rocky Saganiak, has been suspended until the end of the month.

Colin McHaffie, a player for Ayr, has been suspended until the end of the season for his involvement in an altercation with spectators.

In a long statement, the BIHA said: "While not wishing to condone or excuse what happened, it is clear that reports circulating are greatly exaggerated and misleading. No member of the public was involved."

This seems an odd statement to make, considering the reason given for McHaffie's suspension.

The BIHA also said that, after Wednesday's inquiry, several aspects of the sport will be investigated, including facilities at rinks, crowd control, officiating, liaison between officials and rink and club management, and media communications.

When the match was abandoned, Ayr Raiders were leading 9-4 and, although no member of the Whitley Warriors Club has been found guilty, the result will stand.

Dutch double hope for the best of British

The Norwich Union Cup final, which faces off at Basingstoke at 12.30 tomorrow and will be shown live on BBC television, offers a fascinating comparison between two teams with a Dutch influence in their coaching and a great deal of reliance on home-bred talent (Norman de Mesquita writes).

Leo Koopmans, of Murrayfield Racers, and George Peternousek, of Durham Wasps, have both coached in The Netherlands for some years, are both in their first season in the British game, and both have the good fortune to have a number of British players who can be relied upon to more than pull their weight.

Racers have Tony Hand, probably the best British player the sport has ever seen and, with his colleagues, Scott Neil and Jock Hay, form a line that is leading the Racers scoring.

Wasps have a unique forward line comprising the three Johnson brothers and, a rarity in British ice hockey, we could have a game where the comparative strengths of the British players will influence the outcome rather than the talent of the imports.

With their slightly greater depth, Durham must be seen as favourites, but it will be a close thing.

NON-LEAGUE FOOTBALL

Princes play host to the paupers

By Paul Newman

The visit of Barrow to Merthyr Tydfil tomorrow brings together two clubs which have settled into comfortable mid-table positions in the GM Vauxhall Conference after winning promotion last season. Yet that is where any similarity ends.

Merthyr have never looked back since their European Cup Winners' Cup run two years ago. They won the Beazer Homes League last season, and have an average Conference attendance of about 2,300. Having spent £200,000 on improvements to bring their ground up to European standards, they are now being considered as a venue for Welsh international matches.

Barrow have a comparable playing record. Cup success two seasons ago, including an FA Trophy semi-final appearance, was followed by promotion from the HFS Loans League in the summer. Off the field, however, they have serious financial problems.

A proposed merger with the Cumbrian town's rugby league club, which would have sold its stadium for redevelopment and moved into Holker Street with the football team, broke down two months ago.

With debts of around £250,000, Barrow have had to put their social club up for sale. In the summer, they had to remove the roof from one of their stands because it was unsafe and they were unable to pay for repairs.

The club cannot afford to buy players or put them on contract, and they have made no pay increases for two years. Three players have turned down better offers from other clubs this season, but Harrison, Hulse and Carroll left in the summer. Farrell, a former Port Vale midfield player, is the only newcomer this season in a 16-man squad.

The club has no reserve team and, because the players come from all over the north of England, they have had only one training session together in Ray Wilkie's three years as manager.

Wilkie, who was appointed full-time managing director last month, said yesterday: "The players have shown marvellous loyalty, but we can't go on as we are. The team has progressed too quickly for the club.

"Getting the finances sorted out is crucial if we're to survive in the Conference. In my view, we have to revive the merger with the rugby league club and get the council and local industry behind us. Sports facilities in Barrow are almost non-existent, but together we could develop a good sports complex for the whole community."

This weekend, Barrow enjoy the rare luxury of an overnight stop on the way to Merthyr as they try to improve the second worst away record in the Conference. Barrow, unbeaten in nine home matches, have taken only two points from their travels.

"I don't think the local lads in the team dare lose in front of their mates," Wilkie said. "We must try not to get obsessive about our away form, but it's very difficult. We just never have the time to talk things through."

● The England semi professional team will play the Republic of Ireland in Dublin on May 25 and in Cork on May 27.

● Three HFS Loans League clubs have new managers. At Goole Town, Terry Curran, the former Sheffield Wednesday winger, replaces Paddy Buckley, who resigned after players' wages were cut.

At Newtown, Carleton Leonard, the former Shrewsbury Town defender, takes over after the resignation of Graham Breeze, and at Stalybridge Celtic, Phil Wilson, the former Caernarfon Town manager, succeeds Kevin Keelan, who was dismissed.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

7.30 unless stated

Barclays League

Second division

Oldham v Blackburn (7.45)

Third division

Wigan v Birmingham

RUGBY LEAGUE

REGAL TROPHY: First round: Sheffield v Rochdale (7.45).

SLALOM LAGER ALLIANCE: Bradford Northern v Trafford Borough (8.0); Featherstone Rovers v Swinton; Huddersfield v Keighley; Hull KR v Widnes; Oldham v Warrington; Wakefield Trinity v Sheffield Eagles; Wigan v Halifax.

LANCASHIRE SHIELD FINAL: Salford v St Helens.

OTHER SPORT

BADMINTON: Welsh Open, Cardiff.

SNOOKER: UK Championship, Guild Hall, Preston.

SQUASH RACKETS: The Deloitte Bowl: Oxford v Cambridge, RAC, Pall Mall (5.30)

SWIMMING: Grand Prix meeting; Barnet.

SPORT ON TV

AMERICAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 8-9am and 4-5pm: National Football League highlights.

BADMINTON: Eurosport 2-3 and 9-10pm: World Cup highlights from China.

BASKETBALL: Eurosport 3-4pm: World Cup qualifying game: Czechoslovakia v Soviet Union.

BOXING: Screensport 11.45pm-1.15pm and midnight: Professional and Top Rank events from the United States.

CANADIAN FOOTBALL: Screensport 9.30-11.30pm and Eurosport 10pm-midnight: Grey Cup highlights.

CYCLING: Eurosport 4-5pm: World Championship: Highlights of the road event from Chambery, France.

EQUESTRIANISM: Eurosport 1-2 and 5-6pm: Highlights of Showjumping from Berlin.

EUROSPORT MENU: Eurosport 8.30-9am.

FOOTBALL: Screensport 10-11.45pm: Spanish League: Barcelona v Real Sporting. Screensport 2.15-4pm: Football from Argentina.

GOLF: Eurosport 10-midday and 7-8pm: Highlights of the Australian Open. Eurosport 12-1pm: Highlights of the Women's European Masters from Belgium.

ICE HOCKEY: Screensport 7.30-9.30pm: The National Hockey League.

MOBIL MOTORSPORT NEWS: Eurosport 9-9.30am.

POWERSPORTS INTERNATIONAL: Screensport 9-10am and 1.15-2.15pm.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Screensport 6-7.30pm: Tour match: Provence Cote D'Azur v New Zealand.

SNOOKER: BBC2 4-4.30pm and BBC1 11.25pm-12.55am: UK Championship from Guild Hall, Preston.

SPORT ON FRIDAY: BBC2 2.15-3pm: Snooker: UK Championship: Semi-finals.

SURFING: Eurosport 9.30-10am: Surfer magazine.

UPDATE: Screensport 7.30.

WIDE WORLD OF SPORT: Screensport 7-8am.

CYCLING

Velodrome planned at Harlow

By Peter Bryan

Discussions are under way which could lead to the building of Britain's first permanent indoor track at Harlow, in Essex. The key to the project is six acres of prime building land, leased to a company formed by the local cycling club, who have an outdoor track of 200 metres and a clubhouse, opened in 1976. Their lease expires in the year 2,000.

Under consideration is a plan for Harlow Cycling Club to relinquish the site, near the town's railway station, to the landlords, the New Towns Commission, for reassignment to a development company.

In return, the club would receive a substantial sum of money, together with an alternative site on which to build a velodrome to international standards. Preliminary costings indicate that it could not be built, with all services, for less than £4 million.

An official, who is closely involved in negotiations, said: "An approach was made to us. We didn't go out to look for a buyer. Our strength is that, at the moment, we have a stadium that is owned by cyclists, run by cyclists and used by cyclists."

A construction expert suggested that once the project received the go-ahead and sufficient finance was available, the track could be in operation within 18 months.

The availability of a covered track with spectator accommodation would almost certainly encourage the British Cycling Federation to apply to host the world championships and would also advance the promotion of six-day racing in Britain.

HOCKEY

Lancashire's defence is hard to crack

Kent will be defending their title against the challenge of the five territorial champions in the NatWest County Trophy finals at Highfields Sports Club, Nottingham, this weekend (Joyce Whitehead writes).

Apart from Kent only Staffordshire appeared in the finals last year and they will be fielding the most widely-based squad, which is drawn from seven clubs.

Lancashire did not concede a goal in their nine matches in the territorial rounds and 11 of their squad come from the Hightown Club. Although Essex emerged as the East winners they did lose to Kent in the last match of the East finals. It is quite likely that these two teams will meet again on Sunday in the play-off matches.

Devon, with nine players from Exmouth, have been knocking on the door in the West for some time and now have their chance. Berkshire, captained by Katie Dodd and with the dangerous Lesley Hobly in attack are an experienced side who will be hard to beat. Sunday's final is at 1pm.

Forest Sun to spark Balding double

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

Toby Balding, that consistently successful trainer from Weyhill, has sound prospects of landing a double at Sandown Park today with Forest Sun (1.25) and Folk Dance (3.0).

On the corresponding occasion 12 months ago, he saddled Morley Street to win the Marten Julian National Hunt Guide Novices Hurdle, carrying the colours of the Salehurst paper company.

Now he appears to have an excellent chance of winning the same race for the same owners, this time with Forest Sun, who is considered to be one of the most exciting prospects ever to have been trained at Fyfield House.

I have certainly been longing to see Forest Sun in action again ever since watching him waltz away with a bumper on the course last April.

That impressive performance followed an equally easy win at Ascot which had followed a short-head defeat when he made his racecourse debut at Kempton.

But all those races were on the flat. One with eight flights of hurdles to be negotiated can be an entirely different prospect.

On Forest Sun's aptitude, Balding has this to say: "I am very excited by him. At this stage his jumping is immaculate."

In the circumstances, I will be surprised if Jenny Pitman's Vazon Bay manages to give him weight, even though he trotted up by 12 lengths at Leicester first time out this season.

Like Forest Sun, who has an abundance of jumping winners in his pedigree, Devastation and Squire Lamb both showed promised in bumpers last season but not nearly to the same effect.

Having run the useful Arctic Call to 1½ lengths at Newbury a week ago, Folk Dance, who was impressive when winning his previous race at Warwick, now looks poised to go one better in the Crowngap Holdings Novices' Chase.

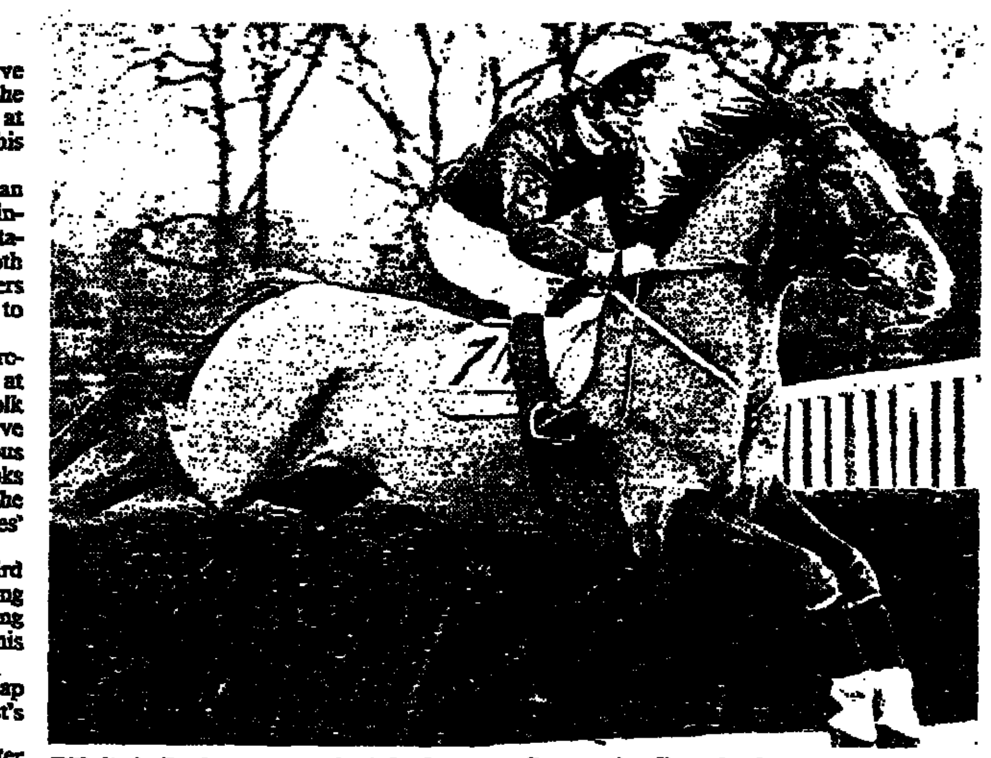
Good As Gold, the third member of the Fyfield raiding party, has the Surrey Racing Three-year-Old Hurdle as his objective

But here I prefer to go nap on Coe from Reg Akehurst's prolific Epsom stable.

Coe was not only the better on the Flat, he has the better form already over hurdles.

The easy winner of a similar race over today's course and distance, Coe was then charged with an impossible task at Cheltenham where asked to give 8lb to the subsequent Ascot winner Major Inquiry.

As Tring Park was behind on better terms at Cheltenham besides being also beaten again by Major Inquiry at Ascot along with Good As Gold, Coe rates a nap selection on form alone.



Kilbrittain Castle attempts to land the Crowngap Construction Chase for the second year running

When Kilbrittain Castle registered one of his 11 victories on the Esher track in the Crowngap Construction Handicap Chase a year ago, he was carrying only 10st 6lb, apart from having had a previous race. Now he is burdened with 12 stone first time out.

In the circumstances, I will not be surprised to see him beaten by Tim Forster's consistent seven-year-old Major Match, who receives 20lb.

As far as the Crownco Winter Novices Hurdle is concerned, this could easily go to Wizzard Artist, who turned his first race of the season at Plumpton nine days ago into a procession, winning easing up by 12 lengths.

At Bangor, I like the look of the recent Sedgefield winner Bean Rose (2.45), a promising young jumper that Tom Tate now trains for his father-in-law Tony Dickinson.

On the all-weather surface at Southwell, Jimmy Fitzgerald's five-year-old Evichstar can record his second success over the course and distance by capturing the Tulip Handicap.

Blinkered first time

SOUTHWELL: 12.35 Cross Rate. 1.5 race: Chapel Chimes.

Punters in the cold over Proud Patriot

With the grass course frozen, Lingfield's £4million investment on a frost resistant all-weather surface came into its own yesterday, but betting shop punters caught a cold.

Due to the weak on-course betting market at the Surrey track, customers in 9,500 shops up and down the country missed out on the 7-1 and 5-1 available on Reg Akehurst's first-race winner Proud Patriot, returned 5-2 favourite.

Before a meagre crowd of 350, bookmakers had not marked up odds on their boards as horses went to post five minutes before the official off time for the first division of the Vittoria Claiming Stakes. The first show to shops put Proud Patriot in at 3-1 and that was just four minutes before the stalls opened at 12.02.

The fragility of the market was underlined by the small investments that sent Proud Patriot's odds tumbling. Put in originally at 7-1, a single wager of £100 reduced his odds to 5-1 and then another bet of £100 trimmed the price to 3-1.

Proud Patriot's jockey Brian Rouse now abdicates his title as leading jockey on the Lingfield and Southwell flat tracks to turn tutor in Hong Kong.

Rouse arrived at the track with his bags packed and takes a night flight to the far east colony, where the Royal Hong Kong Jockey Club has signed him up for the next two months to teach apprentices to race ride.

Charter Party out

Charter Party injured his tendon when finishing third behind Golden Friend in the Edward Hanmer Chase at Haydock last week, and will miss the rest of the season.

Vulrory's Clown brings light relief to Brennan family

Vulrory's Clown gave a bold display when carrying top weight to victory in the Taxinews Magazine Handicap Chase at Warwick yesterday, when racing was delayed 11 minutes because one of the course ambulances had a flat battery.

Vulrory's Clown led all the way to win by 1½ lengths from Point Made and his jockey, Martin Brennan, reported: "He jumped brilliantly – he is such a nice ride."

Brennan's father, Owen, trains 11-year-old Vulrory's Clown, who is in the same ownership as the Newark handler's only other winner this season, Indian, at Market Rasen in September.

Martin Brennan – his only other success this campaign was back in August on High Faith at Worcester – has suffered because of the firm ground. "I reckon I've not had more 20 mounts. I ride for John Blundell, and he has only had a few runners," he said.

Park Street, having redeemed the confidence he lost as a result of a fall at Newbury on his second appearance last season, floored the odds of 9-2 laid on Athens Gate by 12 lengths in the first division of the Ascot Novices' Hurdle.

Air Commander, attempting to make it a double for Oliver Sherwood's stable in the second leg, was well beaten on his debut, finishing third to the 6-4 on favourite Ghadbbaan, who justified the confidence with which he was backed by the head of the Full Circle syndicate, Colin Tinkler.

"Three-mile chasing will be Some Do Not's business," said Nick Henderson after his five-year-old had won the Knighton Novices' Hurdle. "I thought we might steal a hurdle race with him before going over fences and that's just what he did today," said the Lambourn trainer, who bought the gelding, a winner in the point-to-point field in Ireland, at Doncaster Sales last May.

Guiburn's Nephew, 9-4 on favourite for the Shirley Novices' Chase, came to grief four fences from home, victory going to the 11-2 shot Western Dandy, who handled the firm ground remarkably well for such a big horse and took his jockey, Brendan Powell, off the 13 mark for the season.

Akehurst has confidence in Beldale Star

Epsom trainer Reg Akehurst is "reasonably confident" that his well-backed favourite Beldale Star will win tomorrow's £30,000 William Hill Handicap Hurdle at Sandown, and only fears one horse, Andy Turnell's Protection.

After saddling his wife Sheila's Proud Patriot to win at Lingfield, Akehurst said: "Protection is the one we have to beat. I hear he did a good gallop the other day. I think the race is probably between the two of them."

Hills betting: 13-8 Beldale Star, 4-1 Dare Say, 9-2 Protection (from 11-2), 7-1 Floyd (from 6-1), 8-1 Liadett, 12-1 bar.

Sandown inspection

Because overnight frost is forecast, Sandown stewards are holding a precautionary inspection at 10.30am.

SANDOWN PARK

Selections

By Mandarin

12.55 Major Match. 1.25 Forest Sun. 2.00 Wizzard Artist. 2.30 Bajan Sunshine. 3.00 Folk Dance. 3.30 COE (nap).

By Michael Seely

12.55 FAARIS (nap). 1.25 Forest Sun. 3.30 Coe.

The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.30 COE.

Going: good to firm, back straight firm (chase course); good (hurdles) (inspection 10.30am)

12.55 CROWNGAP CONSTRUCTION HANDICAP CHASE (£3,552: 2m 4f 68yd) (7 runners)

101 111110- KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 203 (CD,F,G,S) (W Whitbread) F Walwyn 13-12-0 K Mooney 95
102 F320-1F ROSCOE HARVEY 14 (CD,BF,G,S) (P Spicer) C Brooks 7-11-5 P Scudamore 92
103 5-12212 MAJOR MATCH 15 (B,D,BF,F,G,S) (Lady Zetland) T Forster 7-10-8 C Llewellyn ● 99
104 UP-553U MALYA MAL 7 (D,F,G,S) (J Bridger) J Bridger 10-10-6 M Fedong —
105 2/22-113 FAARIS 14 (D,F,G) (Mrs E Boucher) D Grissell 8-10-5 H Davies 95
106 P-01141 ANNETTE'S VENTURE 31 (D,F,G) (L Worner) B Stevens 7-10-0 W McFarland 89
107 245-P3U THE LUCKPENNY MAN 16 (D,BF,F,S) (T Clay) Mrs L Clay 10-10-0 M Perrett 87
Long handicap: The Luckpenny Man 9-13.

BETTING: 15-8 Faaris, 3-1 Kilbrittain Castle, 7-2 Roscoe Harvey, 6-1 Major Match, 10-1 Annette's Venture, 12-1 The Luckpenny Man, 20-1 Malya Mal.

1988: KILBRITTAIN CASTLE 12-10-6 K Mooney (9-1) F Walwyn 8 ran

FORM FOCUS KILBRITTAIN CASTLE finished tailed off on his final start last term but goes especially well round here - has won eleven times including this race last year. Put up his best performance last season when coming from well off the pace to account for Hypnosis by a neck over 2m 18yd (good) here in April.
ROSCOE HARVEY, in the lead when falling at Huntingdon last time, had previously came home an unchallenged 20l winner from Hogmanay over this course and distance (good) on his reappearance where MALYA MAL (13lb better off) finished a further 25l away in 3rd. MAJOR MATCH has run consistently well this season, winning at Newton Abbot (2m 5f, firm) and Stratford (2m 6f, good), and 2½l 2nd to Incamelia (winner of a match next time) at Towcester (2m 5f 110yd, good to firm) last time.
FAARIS lost nothing in defeat when 14l 3rd to Clever Folly (an impressive winner since) at Ascot (2m, good to firm) last time where he would have finished closer but for being badly hampered 4 out. Won over 2m 4f at Plumpton on his seasonal reappearance.
ANNETTE'S VENTURE beat Burglars Walk by 20l in a uncompetitive three runner-affair at Fontwell (3m 2f 110yd, good) last time. Faces a much stiffer task today.
Selection: FAARIS

1.25 MARTEN JULIAN NATIONAL HUNT GUIDE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,740: 2m) (5 runners)

201 F5220-1 VAZON BAY 11 (B,D,F) (R Hitchins) Mrs J Pitman 5-11-4 M Pitman ● 99
202 50 ANOTHER BARNEY 16 (P Byrne) J Jenkins 5-11-0 — —
203 50- DEVASTATION 373 (BF) (Miss J Reed) D Elsworth 5-11-0 — —
204 211- FOREST SUN 216 (CD,S) (Salehurst Paper Co Ltd) G Balding 4-11-0 J Frost —
205 23- SQUIRE LAMB 224 (BF) (R Ogden) N Gaselee 4-11-0 P Scudamore —

BETTING: 6-4 Forest Sun, 5-2 Vazon Bay, 6-1 Another Barney, 7-1 Devastation, 8-1 Squire Lamb.

1988: MORLEY STREET 4-11-0 J Frost (5-2) G Balding 17 ran

FORM FOCUS VAZON BAY had little trouble in justifying odds of 4-7 when beating Squeeze Play by 12l at Leicester (2m, good to firm) on his seasonal debut. Faces some interesting hurdling debutants today.
ANOTHER BARNEY showed little on hurdling debut when a well-beaten 9th of 14 to Okeetee at Kempton (2m, good to soft).
DEVASTATION showed ability in a couple of outings in National Hunt flat races in Ireland, notably when 5th of 21 at Down Royal (2m, good). FOREST SUN, a highly-regarded individual, proved himself one of the top bumper performers last season. Put up a particularly good effort when beating Mayoran by 8l here in April over 2m (good to soft).
SQUIRE LAMB was placed in both his starts in bumpers last term, finishing 3l 3rd of 17 to Ben Oliver at Perth (1m 5f, good) on his final start.
Selection: VAZON BAY

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
C Brooks	5	16	31.3
D Grissell	5	21	23.8
Mrs J Pitman	14	65	21.5
T Forster	12	60	20.0
F Walwyn	14	75	18.7
D Elsworth	19	107	17.8

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
S Smith Eccles	19	78	24.4
L Harvey	4	18	22.2
M Pitman	4	21	19.0
B de Haan	8	46	17.4
P Scudamore	16	112	14.3
H Davies	12	84	14.3

2.0 CROWNCO WINTER NOVICES HURDLE (Listed race: £4,410: 2m 5f 75yd) (7 runners)

301 22523-1 OKEETEE 16 (S) (Mrs V Black) C Brooks 6-11-4 B de Haan 89
302 10-6 ARD T'MATCH 21 (G) (J Rumble) R Simpson 4-11-0 D Gallagher 87
303 03- BRAVE SETANTA 339 (Miss J Menzies) F O'Mahony 4-11-0 M Kinane 79
304 4020/11 SIMON DAMIAN 36 (F,G) (F Smith) W Turner 6-11-0 P Holley 92
305 5-1 WIZZARD ARTIST 9 (F) (D Myers) M Haynes 4-11-0 H Davies ● 99
306 1434 ESCRIBANA 13 (F) (Mrs J Larkin) J Jenkins 4-10-9 M Ahern 81
307 FOLIGNO 114F (Mrs F Fisk) B Stevens 4-10-9 K Mooney —

BETTING: 15-8 Wizzard Artist, 2-1 Okeetee, 9-2 Simon Damian, 8-1 Brave Setanta, 16-1 Escribana, 25-1 Foligno, 33-1 Ard T'Match.

1988: MAN ON THE LINE 5-11-6 P Scudamore (4-7 fav) R Akehurst 10 ran

FORM FOCUS OKEETEE lost his maiden tag after some promising efforts when beating Height Of Fun by 3l at Kempton (2m, good to soft) on his reappearance. Showed he stayed this trip well enough last season and is open to improvement.
SIMON DAMIAN battled on gamely to beat Arctic Baron 1½l at Wincanton (2m 6f, firm) last time. ARD T'MATCH faced a very stiff task at Cheltenham (2m, good) last time and was not discredited when 30½l 6th of 7 to Persian Style.
BRAVE SETANTA shaped as though a trip such as this would suit when a staying on 14l 3rd to Lesclachs at Wolverhampton (2m, good to soft) but needs to improve here. WIZZARD ARTIST created a very favourable impression when winning at Plumpton (2m 5f, good to firm) on his reappearance, easily beating Mossgara by 12l, and should go close.
ESCRIBANA kept on to finish 4l 4th to Lady Westown at Warwick (2m 5f, good to firm) on his final start last season. FOLIGNO is an interesting hurdling debutant, having won an amateurs' race at Sligo (1m 4f, good) on the Flat last time out.
Selection: WIZZARD ARTIST (nap).

2.30 P & O HANDICAP CHASE (£4,312: 3m 5f 18yd) (2 runners)

401 24-6112 BAJAN SUNSHINE 20 (C,V,F,G,S) (P Green) C Brooks 10-11-7 P Scudamore ● 99
402 3134P-P MEMBERSON 14 (C,D,F,G,S) (P Dufosee) P Dufosee 11-11-5 Mr G Upton (3) 97

BETTING: 2-9 Bajan Sunshine, 100-30 Memberson.

1988: TORSIDE 9-12-0 M Perrett (4-1) M Pipe 8 ran

FORM FOCUS BAJAN SUNSHINE creditable 2l 2nd to Royal Cedar at Cheltenham (3m 4f, good), having previously won at Wincanton (3m 1f) and Newbury (3m).
MEMBERSON looked very much in need of the race when pulled up on reappearance behind Mr Frisk at Ascot (3m, good to firm). But ran badly there on his debut in 1988 prior to finishing 7l 2nd to Torside in this race, when BAJAN SUNSHINE (2lb worse off) refused when leading at the last (good).
Selection: BAJAN SUNSHINE

3.0 CROWNGAP HOLDINGS NOVICES CHASE (£4,235: 3m 118yd) (5 runners)

501 235-1B1 KARAKTER REFERENCE 15 (D,F) (Winterbourne Ltd) L Corbett 7-11-4 S McNeill 97
502 5-2P312 FOLK DANCE 7 (V,F,G,S) (British Thoroughbred R & B Plc) G Balding 7-11-2 R Guest ● 99
503 36PP-1F KINGSBROOK 11 (F) (J Leavett-Shenley) W Wightman 7-10-12 M Richards 85
504 33453-2 SOONER STILL 29 (D,BF,F,S) (J Smith) J Edwards 5-10-12 D Tegg 84
505 5F032-2 SPEAKERS CORNER 24 (Baxter & Welsh Ltd) M Wilkinson 6-10-12 C Llewellyn 97

BETTING: 15-8 Sooner Still, 3-1 Speakers Corners, 4-1 Folk Dance, 5-1 Karakter Reference, 8-1 Kingsbrook.

1988: BIGSUN 7-11-4 R Dunwoody (11-10 fav) D Nicholson 8 ran

FORM FOCUS KARAKTER REFERENCE jumped well to win by 4l from Youwalkonme at Towcester (3m 190yd, good).
FOLK DANCE, who needs to have things his own way, found Arctic Call 1½l too good at Newbury (3m, good to firm). KINGSBROOK was left clear at the last when beating Punters Lad a distance at Plumpton (2m 4f, firm).
SOONER STILL beaten 30l by Night Session when favourite at Stratford (2m 6f, good). SPEAKERS CORNER must improve on a 5l Hereford 2nd to Lord Mustard on his seasonal debut (3m 1f, good).
Selection: KARAKTER REFERENCE

3.30 SURREY RACING THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE (Listed race: £3,704: 2m) (6 runners)

601 12 COE 20 (CD,BF,G) (M Blackburn) R Akehurst 11-8 L Harvey ● 99
602 15 AS GOOD AS GOLD 13 (D,G) (S Mason) G Balding 11-4 J Frost 88
603 521 SILENT RING 15 (D,F) (K Moore) P Hedger 11-4 M Richards 80
604 BIN DAAHIR 112F (V) (S Bell) M Haynes 11-0 H Davies —
605 KAMI KING 202F (Mrs M Valentine) C Brooks 11-0 P Scudamore —
606 30 TRING PARK 13 (P H Betts (Holdings) Ltd) M Tompkins 11-0 S Smith Eccles 95

BETTING: 11-8 Coe, 5-1 Tring Park, 6-1 As Good As Gold, 13-2 Kami King, 8-1 Silent Ring, 10-1 Bin Daahir.

1988: AL ASOOF 11-0 R Dunwoody (7-2 fav) P Hedger 15 ran

FORM FOCUS COE ran Major Inquiry to 2½l at Cheltenham (2m, good), with TRING PARK (2lb worse off) 1½l away in 3rd.
Major Inquiry then scored at Ascot, with AS GOOD AS GOLD never nearer 12l 5th and TRING PARK (1lb better off) beaten further 17l in 7th, having weakened 2 out (2m, good to firm). SILENT RING was visored for the first time when ½l Towcester winner from Captain Krayyan (2m, good to firm).
BIN DAAHIR was 1½l ahead of TRING PARK when 8l 5th to Rockton's Own in a Newmarket maiden (1m, good). Made 3,200gns at Autumn sales.
KAMI KING is ex-French, beaten 1l when 5th in a maiden at Maisons-Laffitte in May (1m 4f, good to soft).
Selection: COE

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12.45 Run For Free. 1.15 Monumental Lad. 1.45 Really Neat. 2.15 Outlaw. 2.45 Bean Rose. 3.15 Telemahos.

Guide to our in-line racecard

1 113143 GOOD TIMES 13 (BF,F,G,S) (Mrs D Robinson) B Hall 12-0 B West (7) 88

Racecard number. Six-figure form (F – fell. P – pulled up. U – unseated rider. B – brought down. S – slipped up. R – refused. D – disqualified). Horse's name. Days since last outing: F if flat. (B – blinkers. V – visor. H – hood. E – Eyeshield. C – course winner. D – distance winner. CD – course and distance winner. BF – beaten favourite in latest race). Going on which horse has won (F – firm, good to firm, hard. G – good. S – soft, good to soft, heavy). Owner in brackets. Trainer. Age and weight. Rider plus any allowance. The Times Private Handicapper's rating.

Going: good (good to firm 3f back straight)

12.45 WHITEMERE NOVICES HURDLE (£2,262: 2m 4f) (18 runners)

1 1P0533 BOLD FURY 22 (F) (Hawkridge Farmhouse Cheese Ltd) J Roberts 6-11-7 S Turner (3) 84
2 00322-1 GOLDEN CELTIC 24 (G) (Mrs H Brown) Miss H Knight 5-11-7 R Beggan 94
3 6342-21 RUN FOR FREE 9 (D) (R Freethy) M Pipe 5-11-7 J Lower ● 99
4 06-3 BOLSHOI BOY 22 (P R D Fasteners Ltd) Mrs S Oliver 5-11-0 R Hyett 77
5 02- CAPTAIN CAVEMAN 186 (North West Racing Club 1986) R Earnshaw 4-11-0 Ger Lyons (3) —
6 32P-4 CLARE CITIZEN 28 (Mrs J Pautherer) J Edwards 5-11-0 T Morgan 98
7 2P/ FATHER JOHN 683 (Mrs M Stalker) N Kernick 5-11-0 S Foster (7) —
8 00- HEAD LAD 196 (F Lloyd Ltd) R Peacock 6-11-0 S J O'Neill —
9 055/ LITTLEGOOD GAMBLER 793 (Mrs S Greathead) T Greathead 6-11-0 W Humphreys (3) —
10 NINE CORNERS (Lady Lyell) J Webber 5-11-0 M Lynch —
11 05 PARISIAN 15 (Ridgway Racing Ltd) J Bennett 4-11-0 S Shilston —
12 P- PERRY WELL 336 (A Grazebrook) K Bailey 5-11-0 I Lawrence (3) —
13 TENPERCENT 930 (N W Bradshaw) B Stevens 6-11-0 B Powell —
14 00- WHISTLING EDDY 225 (C Edwards) N Henderson 5-11-0 R Dunwoody —
15 40- ZINGARO BOY 244 (Mrs V Allen) K Bailey 5-11-0 I Lawrence (3) —
16 BORDER CHERRY (T Bailey) T Bailey 5-10-9 J Railton (3) —
17 000- LOTSCHEN LADY 333 (A Clapperton) D Gandolfo 5-10-9 Lorna Vincent —
18 0- MOYA'S GIRL 239 (K Owen) K Owen 5-10-9 R Crank —

● I Lawrence rides either Perry Well or Zingaro Boy. Trainer Kim Bailey will make a decision today.

BETTING: 5-2 Run For Free, 7-2 Golden Celtic, 4-1 Bolshoi Boy, 5-1 Clare Citizen, 8-1 Bold Fury, 10-1 Nine Corners, Perry Well, 12-1 Whistling Eddy, Lotschen Lady, 14-1 others.

1988: SKETCHER 5-11-0 P Nicholls (6-4 fav) D Barons 13 ran

Course specialists

TRAINERS	Winners	Runners	Per cent
M Pipe	14	33	42.4
G Ham	4	10	40.0
D Gandolfo	10	35	28.6
J Mackie	4	15	25.7
J Edwards	16	67	23.9
Mrs S Oliver	6	26	23.1

JOCKEYS	Winners	Rides	Per cent
T Morgan	4	13	30.8
J Lodder	4	15	26.7
G Bradley	6	24	25.0
J Lower	3	13	23.1
R Bellamy	3	17	17.6
B Powell	6	46	13.0

1.15 ELLESMERE NOVICES HANDICAP CHASE (£2,640: 2m 4f) (14 runners)

1 P2165-2 MONUMENTAL LAD 28 (S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 8-11-10 R Bellamy (7) 87
2 222F33 ARDRA DUKE 22 (Royal Oak Racing) F Jordan 5-11-3 J Lodder (7) 90
3 64-P2 RONANS BIRTHDAY 8 (Braemer Fabrications Ltd) Mrs S Oliver 7-11-2 R Hyett 80
4 3F-642 PADDY'S POND 13 (C Dodson) G Ham 11-11-1 B Powell 98
5 266065- YOUNG NICHOLAS 247 (G,S) (R Sale) J Roberts 8-10-13 S Turner (3) 85
6 300/6P-F TOP O' TH' GREEN 28 (Mrs J Bissill) J Edwards 6-10-11 T Morgan —
7 604F06- UNCLE RAGGY 274 (Prowting Homes) D Nicholson 6-10-10 R Dunwoody —
8 P6/4-PF MR DIBBS 10 (S) (P Bancroft) M Oliver 8-10-6 J Railton (3) ● 99
9 66P/PPP WYVERN 27 (B,F) (R Rowlands) W Clay 6-10-3 R Bevan (7) —
10 001/5-U HELLO SAM 25 (F) (P Bennett) J Bennett 8-10-3 M Bowlby —
11 00P65-0 BISPHAM BAY 10 (B) (P Wheeler) J Smith 5-10-1 S J O'Neill —
12 13P-560 BEDROCK 8 (F,S) (P Davis) P Davis 6-10-1 Tarnya Davies —
13 0-P00PF MIDNIGHT RUN 16 (G) (A Brewer Ltd) R Dickin 10-10-1 S Earle —
14 6925-P5 WORTHY LIGHT 12 (R Taylor) C Tristine 8-10-1 Peter Caldwell 92

BETTING: 11-4 Monumental Lad, 9-2 Paddy's Pond, 6-1 Ardra Duke, 8-1 Ronan's Birthday, Uncle Raggy, 10-1 Mr Dibbs, Top O' Th' Green, 14-1 Young Nicholas, 16-1 others.

1988: GOLDEN REDEEMER 10-10-5 S J O'Neill (2-1) R Francis 4 ran

1.45 CROSEMERE SELLING HURDLE (£1,772: 2m) (13 runners)

1 6P BANNISTER 35 (Mrs B Kernick) N Kernick 4-11-7 S Foster (7) —
2 F MAN OF MAURI 13 (F Sharp) R Earnshaw 4-11-7 Ger Lyons (3) —
3 P00P0-5 SELF RAISING 8 (D Davies) B Preece 4-11-7 Lorna Vincent —
4 6600-33 SUNDAYSPORT SCOOP 90 (R Cook) W Clay 4-11-7 R Bevan (7) 94
5 P CARTREF 31 (B) (T Hopkins) Mrs Jill Evans 3-10-2 A Webb —
6 HEADBEE 24F (J Graves Ltd) M Castell 3-10-2 N Mann (7) —
7 HELLO SWEETIE 51F (S Sheers) Mrs A Knight 3-10-2 D Matthews (7) —
8 0 KARFIA 6 (B) (T Price) W Price 3-10-2 — —
9 305 KNOWETOP 30 (F Barton) F Barton 3-10-2 T Wall —
10 66 MAPLE HAYES 24 (V Guy) Mrs A Knight 3-10-2 G Knight 90
11 44 MUSICAL MOMENTS 24 (J Roberts) J Roberts 3-10-2 B Powell —
12 3 REALLY NEAT 51F (R Ellis) D Gandolfo 3-10-2 R Dunwoody ● 99
13 RENO'S JEM 415F (A Rumsey) A Rumsey 3-10-2 Jacqui Haynes —

BETTING: 2-1 Really Neat, 4-1 Man Of Maum, 5-1 Musical Moments, 6-1 Sundaysport Scoop, 12-1 Bannister, Self Raising, 14-1 others.

1988: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

2.15 BMSS HANDICAP CHASE (£3,187: 2m) (4 runners)

1 31U449- OUTLAW 225 (D,F,G,S) (H White) J Edwards 10-11-12 T Morgan ● 99
2 351-412 ROYAL CRACKER 10 (V,D,F,G,S) (Harlow Bros Ltd) T Bill 8-10-12 J Railton (3) 95
3 036/66P- KNOCKBRACK 326 (D,F,G,S) (G Holmes) G Ham 9-10-8 B Powell —
4 5536/ SICILIAN PASSAGE 851 (G) (Mrs S Catherwood) D Nicholson 7-10-0 R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 4-5 Outlaw, 7-4 Royal Cracker, 12-1 Sicilian Passage, 20-1 Knockbrack.

1988: WATERLOO BOY 5-11-10 J Osborne (6-4 fav) D Nicholson 7 ran

2.45 ROOKERY PARK STUD NOVICES CHASE (£3,103: 3m) (12 runners)

1 10F13-1 BEAU ROSE 17 (F,G) (A Dickinson) T Tate 6-11-7 G Bradley 87
2 53P2-15 CAPELI CONE 16 (CD,G,S) (T Parrott) Mrs H Parrott 7-11-7 R Bellamy (7) 94
3 BROWN SMASHER (Mrs S Shiner) A James 6-11-0 E Tierney (7) —
4 P4360-3 FATHER PADDY 20 (P Morgan) J Webber 7-11-0 M Lynch 90
5 34144/5 FOURTH TUDOR 26 (B,F,G,S) (D Brereton) A Jones 7-11-0 S Keightley —
6 35 JOLIE GAZELLE 17 (A Clarke) P Davis 7-11-0 R Davis (7) —
7 JUST SO 981 (H Cole) J Roberts 6-11-0 Mr S Burrough (7) —
8 6-2 KNOCKUMSHIN 34 (J Upson) J Upson 6-11-0 R Supple (3) —
9 50/143P- PROPLUS 202 (F) (Mrs P Shaw) J Edwards 7-11-0 T Morgan —
10 90-P3PF SUNSET VINE 2 (V) (Mrs A Penney) A J Wilson 6-11-0 — 84
11 44F42-R AMETHEA 21 (Lady Bailey) T Bailey 7-10-9 J Railton (3) ● 99
12 506F-50 TRUE CLOWN 20 (Mrs S Orton) D Nicholson 7-10-9 R Dunwoody —

BETTING: 2-1 Beau Rose, 5-2 Capeli Cone, 4-1 Proplus, 6-1 Father Paddy, 8-1 Knockumshin, 10-1 Fourth Tudor, 14-1 True Clown, 16-1 others.

1988: GAY MOORE 7-11-0 J Duggan (16-1) M Robinson 11 ran

3.15 BLAKEMERE NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,407: 2m) (12 runners)

1 131112 SLIPPERY MAX 14 (CD,F,G) (Unique Racing Plc) C Beever 5-11-10 B McGill (7) ● 99
2 5-162P1 SEA SHADOW 19 (B,D,F) (P Mendoza) E Wheeler 4-11-3 (6ex) J White 89
3 30245/ BOLD SPIRIT 768 (B Stevens) B Stevens 6-11-0 B Powell —
4 65/601 TRIVET 13 (D,F) (S Lilley Racing Ltd) J Mackie 6-11-0 S J O'Neill 95
5 3300P0- CALLIOPE 211 (R Reynolds Ltd) M Oliver 5-10-11 J Railton (3) 94
6 P/334 TELEMAHOS 8 (P Parkinson) J Roberts 7-10-11 S Turner (3) 96
7 3-22122 GILDED YOUTH 8 (D,BF,F) (Miss K George) T Thomson Jones 4-10-8 R Dunwoody 95
8 P654-03 SWOOPING 23 (T Casagrande) J Bosley 4-10-8 M Bosley 91
9 F2-6 BOCA CHIMES 23 (T Whitley) D Gandolfo 4-10-7 A Webb 91
10 DENBOY 813P (Royal-Blue Racing Plc) B Stevens 7-10-3 M Stevens (7) —
11 400/PP STANTON QUEEN 16 (Mrs J Robinson) K White 7-10-0 A O'Hagan —
12 P0080-6 THE STAMP DEALER 8 (Miss G Woods) A Jones 8-10-0 T Wall 90

BETTING: 3-1 Gilded Youth, 4-1 Trivet, 5-1 Telemahos, Slippery Max, 8-1 Sea Shadow, 10-1 Boca Chimes, 12-1 Swooping, 14-1 The Stamp Dealer, 16-1 others.

1988: SILENT TWIRL 5-10-13 D Tegg (100-30 fav) J King 9 ran

SOUTHWELL

Selections

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11.35 Opening Overture. 12.5 Galatrix. 12.35 Colin Seller. 1.5 Fishki. 1.35 Bollin Gorgeous. 2.5 Sir Nick. 2.35 Evichstar. 3.5 Blue Room. 3.35 Bean King.

Going: standard

11.35 DAISY CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: £2,402: 1m 3f) (14 runners)

1 5550 DRAG ARTIST 102 (G,S) M Brittain 4-9-7 S Maloney (7) 7
2 0100 SONIC LORD 78 (B,F) A Hide 4-9-7 G Carter 14
3 6000 TALK OF GLORY 65 (F,G) J White 8-9-1 T Lang 9
4 4400 DAMART 89 (F,S) M Naughton 5-8-12 J Williams 5
5 0004 BURKES PROGRESS 61 (BF,F) T Barron 3-8-11 K Darley 4
6 000 BUSORM 82 (F) M Chapman 9-8-11 — 10
7 3305 DOWN THE VALLEY 8 (F) R Hannon 3-8-11 R Perham (7) 1
8 5263 OPENING OVERTURE 26 (BF) C Beever 3-8-11 G Bardwell 13
9 0006 MAFFLION 134 R Peacock 4-8-9 — 8
10 0000 ORIENTAL TREASURE 125 J Hills 4-8-8 R Hills 6
11 0050 SPRINGFIELD MATCH 44 (B) P Wigham 4-8-6 M Wigham 2
12 0650 SCHWEPPES TONIC 24 B McMahon 3-8-6 — 11
13 0-00 WENTBRIDGE GIRL 72 Ronald Thompson 3-8-1 R P Elliott 3
14 -045 BEDE LADY 52J R Juckes 3-7-12 N Adams 12

5-2 Burkes Progress, 7-2 Down The Valley, 4-1 Opening Overture, 6-1 Sonic Lord, 8-1 Oriental Treasure, 10-1 others.

12.5 IRIS FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (Div I: £2,284: 1m) (14)

1 0- JUST ONE KISS 378J W Wilson 4-9-0 C Dwyer 10
2 0040 PETITE ANGEL 53 R Hollinshead 4-9-0 M Humphries (7) 7
3 600- SUZY LORENZO 15J (B) R O'Sullivan 4-9-0 R Hills 12
4 5-00 TENDER WHISPER 186 D Burchell 4-9-0 J Williams 5
5 0-40 AMADORA 196 J Dunlop 3-8-11 G Duffield 2
6 6066 DAME LYNET 8 M Jarvis 3-8-11 P Bloomfield 13
7 0003 EVENING STAR 8 (V) A Hide 3-8-11 G Carter 9
8 3230 GALATRIX 12 T Stack (Ire) 3-8-11 S Craine 6
9 0404 HUNG OVER 25 B McMahon 3-8-11 — 14
10 3000 JASCHA 51 R Johnson Houghton 3-8-11 K Darley 1
11 MAINLY SUNSET A Bailey 3-8-11 G Carter 8
12 0500 SATIN SILK 60 J Harris 3-8-11 — 11
13 0000 SOUND MUSIC 8 R Armstrong 3-8-11 A Shoults 4
14 0005 TRACE OF IRONY 39 C Wall 3-8-11 W Litwin (7) 3

6-4 Galatrix 3-1 Amadora, 9-2 Evening Star, 6-1 Hung Over, 8-1 Satin Silk, 10-1 Petite Angel, 16-1 others.

12.35 ROSE CLAIMING STAKES (Div I: 2-Y-O: £2,245: 1m) (14)

1 2165 TENDERLOIN 23 (S) N Tinkler 8-13 Kim Tinkler 5
2 6022 PHOENIX JULE 23 (BF) Jimmy Fitzgerald 8-11 S Perks 9
3 2224 COLIN SELLER 8 (BF) R Boss 8-9 N Day 8
4 000 WOODCOCK WONDER 55 J Jenkins 8-9 J Williams 6
5 0400 GIVE IN 23 (S) Mrs N Macauley 8-8 N Adams 12
6 0000 CHILTERNS 23 D Marks 8-6 — 1
7 500 CROSS RATE 24 (B) J Payne 8-4 — 10
8 0004 DUNSTAR 29 M Brittain 8-4 S Maloney (7) 7
9 0000 FIRST HOME 6 Pat Mitchell 8-4 S O'Gorman (5) 4
10 0000 SPANISH ENVOY 79 M Chapman 8-2 G Duffield 2
11 0006 LINDA'S FIRST 44 J Wharton 7-13 — 11
12 4630 MASELLA 52 J Hills 7-13 R Hills 14
13 6400 BOLD CROFT 129 T Barron 7-12 G Carter 13
14 0500 NICNATLOU 45 R Thompson 7-11 D Wass (7) 3

11-4 Colin Seller, 3-1 Masella, 4-1 Tenderloin, 9-2 Phoenix Jule, 7-1 Dunstar, 10-1 First Home, 12-1 others.

1.5 IRIS FILLIES MAIDEN STAKES (Div II: £2,284: 1m) (14)

1 0005 MY MOTHER'S EYES 55 C Austin 4-9-0 B Doyle (7) 1
2 060 ALFA VITA 24 C Brittain 3-8-11 G Duffield 2
3 0030 BIRMINGHAM'S PRIDE 24 R Hollinshead 3-8-11 C Hodgson (7) 13
4 0004 CALAFURIA 46 N Tinkler 3-8-11 Kim Tinkler 14
5 3000 CHAPEL CHIMES 26 (V) P Felden 3-8-11 R Price (7) 9
6 0234 DOC LODGE 13J R Woodhouse 3-8-11 R P Elliott 5
7 5362 ELEGANT ROSE 23 (B) O O'Neill 3-8-11 N Adams 3
8 004 FEMME FORMIDABLE 32 C Wall 3-8-11 N Day 8
9 6 FISHKI 196 B Hanbury 3-8-11 P Bloomfield 7
10 -002 HIGH QUINTA 23 H Candy 3-8-11 M Wigham 11
11 0303 LADY BLUES SINGER 38 J Parrett 3-8-11 R Cursant 10
12 0030 MOHARABUEE 8 R Hollinshead 3-8-11 A Culhane 4
13 60 PALM SWIFT 141 T Thomson Jones 3-8-11 K Darley 12
14 0 ZIPPERTI DO 27 P Makin 3-8-11 R Hills 6

2-1 Fishki, 3-1 Elegant Rose, 5-1 Doc Lodge, 13-2 High Quinta, 7-1 Femme Formidable, 10-1 Calafuria, 12-1 others.

1.35 DAISY CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: £2,382: 1m 3f) (14)

1 0-00 DUE DILLIGENCE 23 (F) K White 7-9-5 S Keightley 7
2 4040 PETAVIOUS 22 Lady Herries 4-9-5 N Day 13
3 0005 STONEBROKER 8J (G) D Haydn Jones 7-9-2 N Adams 11
4 0224 SPHINX 45 (S) J Jenkins 5-9-0 J Williams 4
5 4546 FLIRTING 53 (F) J Mulhall 5-8-12 — 12
6 2513 JEALOUS LOVER 52 (B,F) P Makin 5-8-12 R Hills 14
7 0053 BOLLIN GORGEOUS 24 (B,F) C Beever 3-8-11 G Bardwell 1
8 0000 DOMINICUS 46 M Naughton 3-8-11 M Wigham 8
9 43-3 TA WARDLE 221 M Bolton 5-8-10 R P Elliott 3
10 084- PRESENT TIMES 418 K Wingrove 3-8-9 W Hayes 10
11 6030 MACKENZIES 73 M Ryan 4-8-4 N Gwilliams (5) 5
12 0300 FACT OR FICTION 28 H Candy 3-8-3 G Duffield 9
13 4002 COMINO GIRL 28 (B) A Hide 3-8-2 G Carter 6
14 0000 ANFIELD SALLY 13J R Whitaker 3-7-13 A Culhane 2

Evens Jealous Lover, 7-2 Sphinx, 8-1 Bollin Gorgeous, 8-1 Ta Wardle, 12-1 Mackenzies, 16-1 Comino Girl, 20-1 others.

2.5 PANSY NURSERY HANDICAP (2-Y-O: £2,559: 7f) (14)

1 0400 MIA FILLIA 23 C Brittain 9-7 B Doyle (7) 8
2 1200 BODAMIST 73 (F) J White 9-6 A Riding (5) 9
3 4482 SIR NICK 13 N Callaghan 9-6 M Wigham 7
4 2200 TOSS OF THE COIN 34 (F) D Chapman 9-5 R Hills 6
5 3135 SWING NORTH 13 (B,C,BF,G) D Chapman 9-4 K Darley 4
6 6000 GO FOR GLORY 23 J J O'Neill 9-2 G Duffield 12
7 0503 CONJURER 65 (F) R Hannon 9-2 R Perham (7) 1
8 2060 BOLSHOI PRINCE 26 A Bailey 9-0 G Carter 3
9 0050 SPANISH WHISPER 27 P Makin 8-11 S Perks 13
10 3506 SARAH CARTER 22 (B) R Stubbs 8-10 — 5
11 0005 LINDA'S FIRST 44 J Wharton 8-7 — 11
12 5000 VICEROY EXPRESS 27 J Jenkins 8-7 N Day 2
13 6054 SHIKARI KID 30 (B) S Norton 8-7 S O'Gorman (5) 14
14 5000 COOLULAH 27 H Candy 8-3 N Adams 10

7-2 Sir Nick, 4-1 Swing North, 6-1 Conjurer, 7-1 Bolshoi Prince, 8-1 Toss Of The Coin, 10-1 Shikari Kid, 12-1 others.

2.35 TULIP HANDICAP (£2,978: 7f) (14)

1 0510 BREEZED WELL 20 (D,F,G) C Allen 3-10-0 M Dasero (7) 5
2 2130 SAPPHO COMET 27 (D,F) J Dunlop 3-9-13 G Duffield 8
3 5229 ROSE GLEN 141 (D,G) A Bailey 3-9-10 G Carter 14
4 2211 EVICHSTAR 13 (B,CD,F,S) Jimmy Fitzgerald 5-9-1 S Perks 11
5 6600 AUGHFAD 8 (B,F,G) T Casey 3-8-13 R Perham (7) 13
6 0032 SMALL FEE 13 (S) M Brittain 4-8-12 S Maloney (7) 2
7 0400 NAFUAT 13 (B,D,G,S) J Watts 5-8-10 R Hills 7
8 0400 SCOTCH IMP 21 (D,F,G,S) D Chapman 5-8-6 K Darley 9
9 -420 BACHELOR'S PET 69J D Burchell 3-8-2 J Williams 6
10 0320 HONEY MILL 73 (B) O O'Neill 3-7-11 N Adams 12
11 5-00 ASONESS 84 (F) M Leach 3-7-10 — 10
12 6066 CREAM AND GREEN 23 (D,S) K White 5-7-9 A Shoults 4
13 0502 BRONZE CROSS 23 (G) T Barron 4-7-9 A Mackay 1
14 -000 GRUNDY LANE 195J (B) B Morgan 7-7-7 G Bardwell 3

4-1 Sappho Comet, 5-1 Evichstar, 6-1 Scotch Imp, 7-1 Nafuat, 8-1 Bronze Cross, Honey Mill, 10-1 others.

3.5 ROSE CLAIMING STAKES (Div II: 2-Y-O: £2,245: 1m) (14)

1 4002 SHEEN CLEEN LAD 23 (V,F) Ronald Thompson 8-13 R P Elliott 12
2 5020 ANDREW'S FIRST 35 T Barron 8-11 A Greaves (7) 5
3 00 HYDROPIC 37 D Chapman 8-9 R Hills 10
4 00 LIGHTNING THUNDER 20 D Morley 8-7 G Duffield 4
5 00 YARRAMAN 21 R Hollinshead 8-5 K Darley 14
6 5050 BIG SURPRISE 128 J Wharton 8-4 P Walsh 1
7 0530 TRUDO 95 B McMahon 8-4 — 3
8 6000 DONTWORRYABOUTIT 22 Mrs N Macauley 8-3 A Culhane 2
9 2250 BLUE ROOM 25 P Cole 8-2 S O'Gorman (5) 6
10 2625 DOMRUN 37 (BF) N Tinkler 8-2 Kim Tinkler 13
11 0600 MILADY-SAL 13 R Juckes 8-2 — 8
12 2440 SHARP N' EASY 8 R Hannon 8-1 A McGlone 9
13 0084 FRANCIS FURNESS 13 Denys Smith 8-0 P Dalton (7) 7
14 4005 TELEGRAPH CALLGIRL 23 M Brittain 7-12 S Maloney (7) 11

5-2 Domrun, 3-1 Blue Room, 9-2 Sharp N Easy, 6-1 Sheen Clean Lad, 8-1 Telegraph Callgirl, 10-1 others.

3.35 DAFFODIL HANDICAP (£2,532: 1m 6f) (14)

1 250- ARCTICFLOW 205J Mrs J Ramsden 4-10-4 K Darley 1
2 3621 BEAN KING 8 (G) R Armstrong 3-9-10 (7ex) A Shoults 2
3 6000 CLIFTON CHAPEL 20 (S) H Candy 4-9-6 G Carter 5
4 4020 ST CADOC 41 (G) J Hills 4-9-4 R Hills 13
5 6301 GO SOUTH 8 (B,F,G) J Jenkins 5-9-2 (7ex) N Day 4
6 03P6 CREEAGER 13 (F,S) J Wharton 7-8-13 J Williams 6
7 0002 CRYSTAL PARK 13 J Wharton 3-8-10 S Maloney (7) 14
8 5113 DEMOKOS 25 (F,G) Jimmy Fitzgerald 4-8-8 S Perks 12
9 5403 SIR RUFUS 13 (F) C Nelson 3-8-6 R Cursant 7
10 40-3 BREAKOUT 13 (F,G) J Harris 5-8-0 L Newton (7) 8
11 6521 ST VILLE 22 J Bethell 3-7-9 N Adams 10
12 5006 QUALITAIR AVIATOR 29 (F) J Bottomley 3-7-7 G Bardwell 9
13 -096 MAY OVER 20 (F,G) B McMahon 4-7-7 — 11
14 0008 KING OF SAILORS 23 R Thompson 5-7-7 D Wass (7) 3

2-1 Bean King, 5-1 St Ville, 6-1 St Cadoc, Demokos, 8-1 Go South, 10-1 Qualitair Aviator, 12-1 Sir Rufus, 14-1 others.

Results from yesterday's two meetings

Warwick

Going: firm

12.30 (2m hdle) 1, PARK STREET (J Osborne, 5-1); 2, Athens Gate (G McCourt, 2-9 fav); 3, Samover (B de Haan, 40-1). ALSO RAN: 17-2 Marwapa (4th), 100 Mikes Boys (5th). 5 ran. 12l, 4l, 5l, 15l. O Sherwood at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £6.00; £1.40, £1.10. DF: £1.60. CSF: £6.57.

1.0 (2m ch) 1, WESTERN DANDY (B Powell, 11-2); 2, Connemara Dawn (N Coleman, 14-1); 3, Courtbrook (B Dowling, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4-9 fav Guiburn's Nephew (f), 20 African Safari (f), 33 Frankton (4th), Whistling Edge (5th). 7 ran. 5l, 3l, 20l, 1½l. N Gaselee at Upper Lambourn. Tote: £5.60; £2.20, £2.40. DF: £20.60. CSF: £60.46.

1.30 (2m 5f hdle) 1, SOME DO NOT (J White, 4-11 fav); 2, Tryumphant Lad (H Davies, 12-1); 3, Frampton House (A Jones, 3-1). ALSO RAN: 33 Annes Rose (pu), 66 Fishing Season (4th). 5 ran. 1l, 10l, 12l. N Henderson at Lambourn. Tote: £1.50; £1.10, £1.80. DF: £3.40. CSF: £5.08.

2.0 (2m 4f ch) 1, VULRORY'S CLOWN (M Brennan, 4-5 fav); 2, Point Made (M Bosley, 6-1); 3, Numerata (Tarnya Davis, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Solar Cloud (4th). 14 Double Up (pu); 33 Malistrano (5th). 6 ran. 1½l, nk, 15l, dist. O Brennan at Newark. Tote: £1.80; £1.40, £2.00. DF: £3.40. CSF: £4.83.

2.30 (3m 1f ch) 1, FIB (W Humphreys, 5-1); 2, Cross Master (J Railton, 6-5 fav); 3, Right Card (Mr E Bailey, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 6-4 Tewtrell Lad (f). 4 ran. 3l, hd. T Greathead at Chipping Norton. Tote: £4.30. DF: £3.10. CSF: £10.67.

3.0 (2m hdle) 1, L'ENCHERE (Miss Z Davison, 6-4); 2, Indian Stream (G Davies, 7-2); 3, Holstad (D Telfer, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 11-8 fav Below Zero (4th). 4 ran. Sh hd, 1½l, 15l. G Gracey at Ascot. Tote: £2.60. DF: £3.40. CSF: £6.38.

3.30 (2m hdle) 1, GHADBBAAN (G McCourt, 4-6 fav); 2, Radical Views (B Powell, 14-1); 3, Air Commander (J Osborne, 2-1). ALSO RAN: 10 Straight Gold (4th), 50 The Liggate Star (6th), Junac (5th). 6 ran. 5l, 8l, 2l, 2½l, 15l. N Tinkler at Malton. Tote: £1.70; £1.30, £1.90. DF: £5.30. CSF: £9.53.

Placepot: £174.00.

Lingfield Park

Going: standard

12.0 (1m 4f) 1, PROUD PATRIOT (B Rouse, 5-2 fav); 2, London Louise (R Hills, 7-2); 3, Peruzzi (M Wigham, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 3 James River (4th), 7 Thimbalina, 8 Dear Miff (5th), 16 Tropical Rags (6th), 20 Chic-Anita, Midnight Flame, Cosurette, 33 Chromemartin. 11 ran. NR: Dr Zeva. 2½l, 1¾l, 1½l, 4l, 7l. R Akehurst at Epsom. Tote: £3.30; £1.10, £1.60, £4.40. DF: £7.30. CSF: £12.93. 2min 31.19sec.

12.25 (6f) 1, NIGHTMARE KNAVE (G Duffield, 12-1); 2, Maison Des Fruits (G Bardwell, 12-1); 3, China Moon (S Parks, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Tender Charm (5th), 100-30 Run Home, 5 Able Rocket, 8 Treacle Mine, 12 Clock Golf (4th), 33 Dencast, Latin Leap (6th), 50 Brigara, Flamboyance, Hot Hope. 13 ran. NR: Lizzy Cantle. 5l, 2½l, 1l, ½l, ¾l. W Carter at Epsom. Tote: £26.50; £5.40, £4.10, £4.50. DF: £241.70. CSF: £138.23. 1min 11.79sec.

12.55 (1m 4f) 1, SCALES OF JUSTICE (R Hills, 5-2); 2, Festive Falcon (G Carter, 8-1); 3, Good Medicine (R Price, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 2 fav Sao Paulo (4th), 5 Prime Warden, 14 White River (6th), Mlcliere (5th), 16 La Saint Geran, 25 Rusatina, 33 Katie Scarlett, 50 Metta. 11 ran. ¾l, 4l, nk, ¾l, 15l. J Hills at Lambourn. Tote: £3.60; £1.30, £3.90, £2.40. DF: £16.60. CSF: £23.60. 2min 29.96sec.

1.25 (6f) 1, GREEN'S COROT (K Darley, 10-1); 2, Sockem (B Rouse, 15-2); 3, Autobird (G Duffield, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav Copperbottom (4th), 4 Shannon Express (6th), 7 Guarantee (5th), 8 Gingernut, 25 Balzaon Knight, Cosmic Dancer, Dorset Daegm, 33 Strat's Legacy, Susanna's Secret, What Happens Next, Shocking Affair. 14 ran. ¾l, 1l, 1½l, 1½l, hd. P Cole at Whatcombe. Tote: £9.40; £3.50, £1.80, £1.40. DF: £21.70. CSF: £82.51. 1min 12.28sec.

1.55 (1m 2f) 1, HABETA (G Duffield, 3-1 fav); 2, Banker Mason (M Wigham, 16-1); 3, Supreme Blues (S Maloney, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Juvenara, 11-2 Wykehamist, 8 Zarrara, 10 Rapporteur (5th), Ganger Camp, 12 Excelsis, 14 Realism (6th), 16 Aconitum (4th), Fashion Scene, 20 Valtaki, 33 Samosan Charger. 14 ran. Nk, 1½l, nk, 1l, hd. J Watts at Richmond. Tote: win £4.80; £2.50, £3.60, £2.20. DF: £90.40. CSF: £52.51. Tricast: £667.80. 2min 05.16sec.

2.25 (1m) 1, SAN PIER NICETO (G Carter, 7-2); 2, Barcolph (M Wigham, 9-1); 3, Woodside Heath (B Rouse, 3-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 4 Able Player, 7 Scots Law (6th), 9 Marasol, 10 Calgary Redeye (5th), 12 Sharing Breeze (4th), 16 Walkern Witch, 20 True George, 25 Freddie's Star, Grondola. 12 ran. ¾l, 5l, 5l, 1½l, nk. R Boss at Newmarket. Tote: £6.20; £2.00, £4.50, £2.10. DF: £39.30. CSF: £36.91. Tricast: £101.39. 1min 38.50sec.

2.55 (1m) 1, VANROY (N Day, 20-1); 2, Tauber (S O'Gorman, 9-4 fav); 3, Assignment (G Duffield, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 4 Brown Pepper, 9-2 Overpower (5th), 5th, 11-2 Bold Habit, 7 Crosby, 10 Single (6th), 12 Sharp Thistle (4th). 25 Born With A Veil, Clos Du Bois. 11 ran. NR: Mel's Rose. Sh hd, 2l, 4l, 2½l, ½l. J Jenkins at Royston. Tote: £27.0; £6.00, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £97.00. CSF: £69.65. Tricast: £473.90. 1min 38.32sec.

3.25 (7f) 1, BEECHWOOD COTTAGE (Melody Town, 16-1); 2, Niklas Angel (R Morse, 4-1 fav); 3, Persian Luck (K Darley, 16-1). ALSO RAN: 5 Mayday Miracle, Asbaab, 6 Iron King (4th), Nevada Mix (5th), 7 Long Arm Of Th'Law, 12 Alexandra Katrine, Chart Cross, 14 Sarum (6th), 16 Mannuit, 25 Lake Dancer, Langham Lady. 14 ran. Hd, 2½l, ¾l, 2l, ½l. A Bailey at Newmarket. Tote: £19.20; £4.10, £2.30, £7.60. DF: £74.30. CSF: £85.38. Tricast: £1,005.45. 1min 23.90sec.

Placepot: Not won. Pool of £1,609.79 carried forward to Sandown today.

Carlisle was abandoned yesterday – frost.

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CENTRAL COUNCIL OF PHYSICAL RECREATION CONFERENCE

RFU secretary speaks out in defence of amateurism

By John Goodbody

As rugby union slowly creeps away from total amateurism, Dudley Wood yesterday launched an attack on professionalism in other sports.

The Secretary of the Rugby Football Union told the representatives of 70 national govering bodies: "Speaking personally I would also question the benefit to society of groups of bored, professional sportsmen touring the country, if not the world, competing for quite often ludicrous sums of money, pursued by a press corps intent on denouncing their shortcomings or indiscretions, all in the name of British sport."

Wood added: "An amateur sport without the corrosive influence of money as a motivating factor for its leading performers has a relatively easy task in ensuring that the business situation does not interfere with the running and ethos of the game."

Wood, who is taking part in a debate on amateurism at the eighteenth annual conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, thought that it was very difficult for a governing body to contain professionalism because a sport would be forced to go "the full way".

He described trust funds, used in athletics and swimming, as a "change in the timing of payment".

This brought Bob Stinson, the treasurer of the International Amateur Athletic Federation, to his feet. It was Stinson who fathered the trust funds in athletics. Through these funds competitors receive appearance money, which is retained by the national governing body until the competitor's retirement, although he or she can draw out cash for training and living expenses.

Stinson pointed out that trust funds were introduced to athletics because the amateur rules were being flouted. He also said that their introduction had not affected the interest in the sport at the club level as the tremendous growth in road running in the last decade has demonstrated. Indeed, the elite and the grass roots have been reciprocally stimulating benefit.

Ian Peacock, the chief executive of the Lawn Tennis Association, said that in Britain "there was not much evidence of youngsters being alienated by the professionalism and high achievement of the stars." He conceded that this might possibly be occurring for girls but there was no evidence among young men.

In golf, he pointed out, Nick Faldo had put more young people on golf courses than even such worthwhile projects as the Golf Foundation. "Faldo's success is the biggest possible boost to encourage participation."

Wood also emphasised to the audience that although it was important that the player's viewpoint be cultivated and understood, nevertheless they were like actors in a play, they were only part of the production and they were transitory. There were other people who contributed to the production.

He said that sponsors were attracted to the distinctive nature of rugby union and denied that he was against change, pointing out the great benefits that rugby union had acquired in recent years, including a trebling in the income for international matches at Twickenham, a restructuring of the game and the pumping of money into a network of development officers throughout England.

Barrister proposes appeals tribunal

A leading lawyer yesterday proposed that the way to keep sport out of the law courts was to create an expert tribunal to hear appeals against decisions of governing bodies (Louise Taylor writes).

Addressing the CCPR conference, David Pannick, a barrister and Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford, said: "The advantages of such a system would be to ensure the development of expert and consistent principles in this complex area, along with the probability that courts will be even less likely to interfere with decisions."

The call for the establishment of such a body comes at the end of a month which has seen the Football Association fine Arsenal and Norwich a total of £70,000 for the Highbury brawl and Pannick insisted that sport should not be lulled into a false sense of security believing that the law would keep its hands off sporting decisions.

Pannick said that while the courts had repeatedly expressed a "sensible policy" that sports administrators should so far as possible be left to administer without judicial intervention, governing bodies could nevertheless act unlawfully in the eyes of the judges.

They have, for example, a duty to ensure natural justice

Accordingly, Pannick urged governing bodies to adhere to the following guidelines when taking disciplinary action against competitors. The accused competitor should be told of the nature of the case against him, the charge he has to meet, and the evidence against him. He should also be given a chance to answer the case before a punishment is imposed.

Similarly disciplinary decisions should be taken by someone who is not already actively involved in the relevant events or has expressed views on its merits.

Other areas where governing bodies can fall foul of the law include restraint of trade, sex and racial discrimination.

Banking initiative will enhance club accounts

By Louise Taylor

The CCPR yesterday opened a bank account expected to grow to £50 million within the next two years.

Supported by the TSB bank the National Sports Development Account will be available to member sports clubs and associations throughout Great Britain, offering increased interest rates on deposits.

Interest on deposits of £1,000 or more will be paid at a rate, presently at 13.75 per cent, rather than an average of 8.5 per cent typically available on small sums. Such a superior rate is normally available only to business account holders with balances in excess of £100,000.

The clubs are not the sole beneficiaries. While 11.75 per cent of the interest will be paid to the individual club, the remaining two per cent will be channelled into the British Sports Trust, the CCPR-managed charity established to promote sports leadership training throughout the country. The Duke of Edinburgh is the president of the charity.

If total interest amounted to £1 million, £20,000 would go to the British Sports Trust. The two per cent rate is under continuous review and will be adjusted as interest rates rise and fall.

The idea is that sports clubs with £1,000-plus in spare funds can pool resources with counterparts in order to maximise profits.

Peter Lawson, general secretary of the CCPR, said: "The National Sports Development account represents a breakthrough for sports clubs and associations in their efforts to maximise return on moneys held in deposit.

"It is a simple and exciting approach to banking arrangements which will boost funds at local and national level. TSB are to be congratulated on their imaginative grasp of the CCPR concept. It is a system where there can be no losers."

The TSB contract was negotiated on behalf of the CCPR by Tony Richards, its investment adviser. He approached two clearing banks, one merchant bank, two building societies and one unit trust group, getting some "funny answers".

"We got one refusal, one insistence that we would make only one withdrawal a year, and another demand that we deal with a single London branch," he said.

Richards believes the system will "give small sports clubs the collective clout of major investors."

He envisages £10 million being deposited in the account by the spring, rising to "£50 million after two years."

While sports clubs perhaps investing only £1,000 each are not going collectively to contribute such multi-million pound sums Richards is confident of making up the shortfall with funds from corporate investments. "If we get the thumbs-up from corporate business we can get the account up to £100 million," he says.

"When you think that the Hansen group has £6 billion invested on the markets each day that is not impossible.

"It is a chance for business to support sport, and sport to demonstrate unity."

Indeed, if all goes according to plan a problem for sport will be how to spend the profits. As Lawson said: "The British Sports Trust will be able to help more than just the community leadership project."

Marea Hartman, the CCPR treasurer, summed it up: "This could be a tremendous breakthrough. Like everything else sport has never had enough money."

Perhaps such pooling of resources could help signal an end to the fragmentation of individual governing bodies which has previously weakened the CCPR, and which Colin Moynihan, the Minister for Sport, cautioned against in his address to the conference on Wednesday.

Games finances depend on TV

By John Goodbody

John Reeve, a leading administrator for the 1991 World Student Games, in Sheffield, said yesterday that the next four months were "crucial" in ensuring the biggest sports event in Britain since the 1948 Olympics was a financial success.

Reeve said discussions were still going on with television companies to attempt a joint production.

Until this has been settled — and, if necessary, Universiade GB Ltd will do its own production — the television deals with other countries cannot be finalized. It is highly unlikely that the BBC will be a host broadcaster, although some of the games could still be shown either on BBC or independent television.

Sponsorship contracts with multi-national companies hinge, in turn, on the amount of television which will be screened all over the world. Reeve, the director of human resources of the Universiade GB Ltd, said yesterday: "It is all about getting the bandwagon rolling. The run through to Easter is crucial."

Reeve emphasized that "at this stage, there is no underwriting the games". He said Sheffield City Council, which already has guaranteed £111 million for the facilities, was not giving a financial guarantee to the organizers.

Reeve said he did not believe that in any case this would be a requirement.

The games, which are expected to attract 6,000 competitors from 120 countries in 11 sports, are estimated to cost at least £30 million.

The money is to be raised through sponsorship, merchandizing, possible television sales, marketing and ticket sales. The Sports Council, the Government quango, which is financed by taxpayers' money, last month gave £3 million towards the event.

Answering a question from Norman Sarsfield, the swimming administrator, Reeve said: "We are not estimating to have a revenue deficit."

Other problems that the games' organizers are facing include negotiations with school governors about the renting of sports halls for use by teams in training in the run-up to their competition. This is one of the difficulties which are raised by the imposition of competitive tendering.

The organizers also have problems about how to get school children to see the events because of the restrictions on transport issued by central government.

The games, which start on July 14, 1991, will consist of 11 sports — athletics, swimming, diving, tennis, fencing, gymnastics, volleyball, waterpolo, hockey, football and basketball.

Sport's new role in prisons

By Louise Taylor

The state of physical education in prisons provided one of the topics for discussion at Bournemouth.

In response to an invitation from the Home Office to undertake an independent review of sporting opportunities within the prison service, the CCPR has published a report on the issue.

After despatching six investigators to five different types of prison, the report reached the conclusion that there is a need for a comprehensive reshaping of the approach to physical education in prisons, which would lead to an improved quality of life for inmates.

A possible benefit would be that ex-convicts might be more interested in sport than crime on their release, and their physical fitness might improve their chances of finding jobs.

Recommendations include:

- A study should be made of the total weekly amount of exercise taken by inmates. There should be set levels below which fitness must not be allowed to fall.
- Specialist physical education instructors should supplement existing staff in prisons. Eventually, a special physical education qualification for public servants could be initiated.
- Those inmates who reach outstanding levels of personal performance should be provided with a higher standard of training, and opportunities to compete.
- Others should be allowed to study for vocational qualifications in the leisure industry, such as youth and voluntary work.
- The promotion of programmes of exercises in cells.

CRICKET

Miandad celebrating a personal milestone

From Qamar Ahmed, Lahore

The third Test of the series between India and Pakistan, starting here today at the Gadaffi Stadium, will be the hundredth in the career of Pakistan's premier batsman, Javed Miandad, who marked his debut against New Zealand on this ground 13 years ago with a century.

Today being an official holiday, a capacity crowd of 25,000 is expected to see Miandad become the first Pakistan player to reach this landmark.

The Pakistan party held net practice at a small club ground in the centre of the city yesterday and soon afterwards Miandad drove down to the Test ground to have a look at the pitch and get the feel of things before a great moment in his career.

Wasim Akram, who limped off the field late on the final evening of the second Test, was also there. His was only a social visit but Miandad, keen as ever, had some more batting practice, with some of his loyal supporters bowling at him for half an hour.

"I should not disappoint people who have come from far places to see the Test and my hundreth appearance. I am keen as ever to give them something to remember," Miandad said.

Pakistan did not name a definite XI but some of their injury problems seem to have cleared up. The young pace bowler, Aaqib Javed, has made himself available, after recovering the strained side which kept him out of the previous match.

The fear that Pakistan might be without the services of Wasim Akram, their left-arm fast bowler, has also been dispelled. He bowled in the nets and seemed fit enough.

The only likely change from the side which played at Faisalabad is Aaqib Javed for Saleem Jaffer. Abdul Qadir who has so far bowled without much luck, considering that Indian batsmen are fine players of spin bowling, is likely to retain his place. The off spinner, Akram Raza, will play only if Imran decides to field two slow bowlers.

Imran did not appear for the nets for, according to the manager, Intikhab Alam, he had a slight fever. But it will be a great surprise if he is not on hand to lead the side today.

India, after their two successful rearguard actions, have dropped Vivek Razdan, who made his debut in the second Test, and have included the off spinner, Arshad Ayub, in their 12. A pitch devoid of any grass is likely to produce a lot of runs but according to Mohammad Bashir, the groundsman, it may take spin from the third day.

INDIA (from): K S Srikkanth (captain), N S Sidhu, S V Manjrakar, S R Tendulkar, R J Shastri, Kapil Dev, M Prabhakar, M Azharuddin, K S More, A Ayub, Maninder Singh, R Lamba.
PAKISTAN (from): Imran Khan (captain), Asmer Malik, Ramiz Raja, Salim Malik, Shoaib Mohammad, Javed Miandad, Nadeem Abbasi, Wasim Akram, Abdul Qadir, Aaqib Javed, Akram Raza, Naved Anjum, Shahid Saeed, Saeed Anwar, Mushtaq Ahmed.
Umpires: J H Hampshire and J W Holder.

Oldham must pick captain

By Martin Searby

The threat of a vote of no confidence in Yorkshire's cricket committee has, for the moment, receded with the appointment of Steve Oldham as the county's cricket manager.

Robert Hand of Leicester, a member for 10 years, had insisted he would table a motion at next year's annual meeting and that is still a possibility but yesterday he said: "I think Steve is a first class chap and it is gratifying that Yorkshire have taken at least a step towards putting things right. I shall be meeting other members who were disaffected by the team's performance last season over the weekend and after talks I will decide whether to go ahead with the motion or not.

"It would seem that with this appointment there is little or no need for the cricket committee to exist since Oldham will be responsible to the full general committee and I would have thought that the next logical step was for them to disband."

Oldham's first job will be to decide who is to captain Yorkshire next season and he will make his recommendations to the cricket committee at its next meeting in a fortnight. Phil Carrick, the incumbent, has been in limbo since the contracts' meeting last August and Martyn Moxon, the county's opening batsman, is the leading contender to succeed him.

YACHTING: NEW RACE WILL BE HELD TO MARK THE 21ST ANNIVERSARY OF A REMARKABLE VOYAGE

IAN STEWART



Planning a new adventure: Eighteen years after he sailed round the world the "wrong" way, against the prevailing currents and winds, the name of Chay Blyth is still inextricably linked with epic voyaging (Malcolm McKeag writes).

In co-operation with British Steel, who sponsored the original trip, Blyth has now come up with a race to mark the 21st anniversary of his remarkable feat. It will be along his old route, for 10 identical yachts, crewed by 120 men and women who must each find £14,850 and pass one of those celebrated Blyth-designed selection tests. He is, he says, looking for "sports-orientated high achievers."

Two who fulfil these requirements Carol Rogers, a journalist, and Mick Fenner, a City solicitor, were present yesterday when Blyth (right) signed-up sponsorship for the first yacht with Richard Fielding, chairman of the Heath Group, which underwrote the insurance for the original trip.

The ceremony took place in the Underwriting Room at Lloyd's, although with a record of one mast lost in the Atlantic, one yacht run down in the same ocean and one trimaran capsized off Cape Horn, Blyth himself expressed surprise he was even allowed into the building. Being allowed back out again must surely be the greater surprise.

Construction of the first of the all-steel, 67ft yachts is under way at DML, Plymouth, the former Devonport naval dockyard, with a launch date set for next spring. Crewing places for the eight-month, three-stop race, due to start in October 1992, are already over-subscribed, with a waiting list of 140.

Although many of the crew members will lack long-distance ocean racing experience (as did Blyth when he set out) the yachts will be skippered by professionals and the race run by the Royal Ocean Racing Club.

Edwards must protect a fragile lead

From Barry Pickthall
Fremantle

Tracy Edwards, the skipper of Britain's leading division three Whitbread yacht, Maiden, broke through to the outside world yesterday for the first time in more than a week to say that her crew were mentally and physically shattered and "can't wait to get to Fremantle."

Edwards and her all-women crew, held a 118-mile lead over Eric Tabarly's French yacht, L'Esprit de Liberte, yesterday as they began the final 500 miles to the finish of this second stage in the round-the-world race.

With winds still blowing in excess of 50 knots, the crew cannot afford to let up. At the time of their call to race headquarters, Edwards reported that they had just put a hole in their mainsail and that Tanja Visser, the yacht's Dutch sailmaker, was up the mast repairing the damage.

Earlier, they blew out yet another spinnaker during a 54-knot gust, and in a separate incident, Sally Creaser, from Irvine, Scotland, fell on a winch causing minor injuries to her face when the 58ft yacht broached suddenly.

Edwards also reported that the yacht's satellite navigation equipment, compasses and log remain unreliable, making navigation difficult, but hopes to cross the finish line as early as Saturday.

The previous night, Dirk Nauta, skipper of the sole division two entry, Equity & Law, steered his yacht across the line in a sombre mood.

Still unhappy with the pre-race changes in the handicap rules which leave the smaller yachts with no chance to compete against the maxis, Nauta, was slow to acknowledge the welcome from Whitbread and RNSA race committee.

While he was at sea, his argument that the organizers should revert to the time-on-distance handicap formula was strengthened by the Offshore Racing Council, the governing body of the sport, which has advised that all races should be run this way. Even so, it is now almost impossible for the committee to change the present time-on-time system mid-way through the race.

Last night, Liverpool Enterprise, the 89ft British maxi skippered by Bob Salmon, was making her final approach to the finish. Racing with an inexperienced crew and limited budget, Salmon and his yacht now trail the leaders by more than 12 days.

● Fremantle (Reuter) — A Spanish crewman who fell overboard during the second leg of the race has decided to give up ocean yacht racing. Jordi Domenech, aged 24, of the Fortuna, spent 16 minutes in freezing waters on the 7,650-mile voyage from Punta del Este in Uruguay.

He had not realized his colleagues could not see him for most of the time because of driving snow. Only on landing in Fremantle had he realized the danger he had been in.

"I have lost my confidence and I don't think I would be happy in the strong winds again," he said.

LATEST POSITIONS (at 13.25GMT yesterday, with nautical miles to Fremantle): Maxi Division: 15, Liverpool Emerprise (B Salmon, GB), 48. Division 3: 1, Maiden (T Edwards, GB), 453; 2, L'Esprit de Liberte (P Tabarly, Fr), 571; 3, Rucanor Sport (B Dubois, Bel), 683; 4, Schlussel von Bremen (H Muler-Rohlke, WG), 686; 5, La Poste (D Malle, Fr), 1,591. Cruiser Class: 1, Wild Integrity (A Coghil, GB), 1,170; 2, Creighton's Naturally (J Chittenden, GB), 1,801.

● Compiled from British Telecom data.

Top ten finish is target for leading crew

With the final race today, Jim Hunt and Chimp Hobson need to finish only in the top 10 and within two places of Ian Pinnell and Andy Service to secure the Enterprise class world title being raced for this week in Pattaya, Thailand (Malcolm McKeag writes).

Pinnell's task is more difficult: with a worse discard than Hunt, his easiest way of winning the championship is to win the final race. These two crews are now clear ahead on overall points from Ian Fisher and Tim Sadler, third.

RESULTS: Fourth race: 1, J Hunt and C Hobson; 2, N Marsden and K Crebbin; 3, I Pinnell and A Service. Fifth race: 1, Pinnell and Service; 2, R Eastaugh and I Howarth; 3, Hunt and Hobson. Overall (after five races): 1, Hunt and Hobson; 2, Pinnell and Service; 3, Fisher and Sadler.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Fixture congestion is still causing concern

By Keith Macklin

The vexed question of early season fixture congestion refuses to go away. The latest shot in the battle has been fired by John Dorahy, the Australian coach of Halifax, who has attributed his side's recent fall from grace, culminating in a 30-20 defeat at lowly Carlisle last Sunday, to the effects of playing too many second division and cup matches.

Dorahy has been rebuked for his remarks by David Oxley, the chief executive of the Rugby Football League, on the ground that the fixture lists have been known by Halifax and all the other clubs for some considerable time. However, it is obvious that the rumbles of discontent will continue.

The county cups seem to be everybody's favourite chopping block when it comes to the trimming of the heavy package of fixtures in the first two months of the season.

Yet last week, in an interview on Border Television, the league's public affairs executive, David Howes, put up an interesting defence of the cups, specifically the Lancashire Cup.

Since Howes was talking to an audience of Cumbrian rugby watchers, he emphasised an interesting point for that region. Namely that, without the Lancashire Cup, the Cumbrian second division clubs like Carlisle, Whitehaven and Workington Town would have no parochial yet money-spinning cup tournament in which to compete outside the Silk Cut Challenge Cup and Regal Trophy. The same yardstick applies to other outpost clubs like Fulham and Nottingham City.

The county cups have made a tremendous comeback at the turnstiles in recent seasons and to axe them would invite as much criticism as praise, certainly in view of the sponsorship involved.

Another vulnerable area would appear to be the War of the Roses match, revived five years ago. When the idea of a traditional fixture was first mooted by the sponsor, Dennis Roden, of Rodstock, it seemed an excellent idea, particularly as the game would be used as an international trial for potential Great Britain squad players.

However, season after season, Yorkshire have won with such ease that the match has become too one-sided to be interesting or significant.

Rugby league officials will put their heads together during the next close-season to try to sort out an admitted minefield. Clubs certainly do feel the pressure of playing twice a week in the early weeks of the season, and not all are as lucky as Wigan, whose deep reserves of funds enabled them to move in for Blake and Davidson, the Australians, on short-term contracts when injuries and New Zealand tour calls savaged their resources.

New Zealand make changes for tour finale

New Zealand have made four changes in their side for the second and final Test against France, which brings to an end their 18-match tour of England and France at Carcassonne on Sunday.

Kevin Iro, the Wigan centre, who has played on the left wing in all four of the Tests so far, has been carrying a knee injury and dropped out to give a first chance to the Auckland centre, Dave Watson, who had a 21-match spell with Whitehaven last season.

Kelly Shelford, another threequarter, who has been recovering from an injury, is demoted to the substitutes' bench. Only two of the four substitutes can be used, so there is no guarantee he will be called on to play. In the pack, Esene Faimalo, who was substituted during the second-half of the first French Test two Sundays ago, loses his place to George Mann, who was drafted in to the tour party after injury forced James Goulding to return home.

The Widnes second-row forward, Kurt Sorensen, has announced his retirement from international rugby, and is replaced by Mike Kuiti. Kuiti will join Leeds after the end of the tour.

NEW ZEALAND (v France, Carcassonne, Sunday): T Kemp; D Watson, D Bell, D Williams, G Mercer; D Clark, G Freeman; B Tood, D Mann, G Mann, M Kuiti, S Stewart, H McGahan. Subs: K Sherlock, K Shelford, F Looke, B Tuuta.

ATHLETICS

Bugner will drop acting for discus

Sydney (Reuter) — Joe Bugner, the former European heavyweight champion, will put his burgeoning acting career on hold as he builds towards representing Australia in the discus, at the 1992 Olympics.

Bugner said yesterday he did not expect to make the Australian team for the Commonwealth Games, in Auckland, in January. The former Commonwealth heavyweight champion competes in the games trials in Sydney, this weekend.

"With my acting commitments, I really haven't got the time to devote to the discus at the moment," Bugner said. "I'm not expecting too much this Saturday. I just hope to frighten a few people and maybe if I'm lucky, get selected.

"I'm only using my training now as a platform to build up to the Barcelona Olympics. That's when I'll be really serious about athletics and representing my new country."

Bugner, aged 39, has just completed his second Australian film "The Sher Mountain Mystery", in which he is the hero, a time traveller in a "science fiction story with a medieval twist", according to the film's publicists.

Born in Hungary, Bugner fought as a Briton when he lasted the distance with Muhammad Ali — twice — and Joe Frazier. After retiring, he left Britain for Australia and became a citizen in 1987, about the time he relaunched his career.

He retired for good in October, 1987, after being beaten by Frank Bruno, in London.

"I'd been into athletics back in England when I was a kid of about 14, and I actually held the Great Britain record for the junior one-kg discus for over 22 years," he said.

SWIMMING

A final with two lanes

By Craig Lord

The presence of television cameras will create a first in British swimming this weekend with just two competitors taking part in a head-to-head final at the C & A Scottish national sprint meeting at Dunfermline.

Normally, swimming finals involve eight competitors, but for the benefit of the cameras and in the belief that it will "provide more excitement for viewers", only two swimmers will meet in the final of the 50 metres freestyle, and three in the 50 metre races on other strokes.

Some of Scotland's most successful national team members will not be competing at Dunfermline, despite a warning letter from the Scottish Amateur Swimming Association reminding competitors of their "obligation" to the national agenda.

Jill Ewing and Paul Brew, who will represent Scotland at the Commonwealth Games in Auckland in January will, instead, be competing at the Milk in Action grand prix event in Barnet.

FOOTBALL

Some extra crumbs for the tables of two champion clubs

By Roddy Forsyth

They provided a cake to help George Graham celebrate his 45th birthday yesterday at Ibrox, where the Arsenal manager and his counterpart at Rangers, Graeme Souness, revealed the arrangements for the challenge match between their clubs, to be played in Glasgow on December 19.

Surprisingly in the circumstances, nobody was tempted to suggest that such a fixture represented the icing on the cake for two teams who, for different reasons, are excluded from competitive European football at present. But both managers were keen to stress the notion of the match as an unofficial championship pf Great Britain.

Graham said: "We are two very prestigious clubs who can be relied upon to play for our reputations and we are both champions. Like Graeme, I think that there is no such thing as a friendly match between clubs of this stature."

Souness conceded that, since Rangers had been knocked out of the European Cup in the first round by Bayern Munich, the encounter with Arsenal represented a degree of compensation for the large Ibrox following. "It's something different for our supporters. It's an opportunity for us to pitch ourselves against the best there is in England and a great chance for our fans to see some of the best players in England instead of watching them second hand on television. And make no mistake about it, it matters to us to uphold our prestige.

"People might say we have a bunch of English mercenaries here at Ibrox but I can tell you that it is the English players, even more than the Scots, who are desperate to win this one."

The match will be sponsored by the Zenith Data Systems company, who earlier this season provided the backing for a game between Arsenal and Independiente, the champions of Argentina, at the Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. The fixture at Ibrox will be screened live on close circuit television at Highbury and highlights of the contest will be broadcast on television later the same evening.

No sooner had one press conference concluded than another was convened elsewhere in the stadium, this time to introduce Rangers' latest English signing, Nigel Spackman, who joined the club yesterday in a £500,000 transfer from Queen's Park Rangers.

Although Spackman observed the usual niceties and said that he simply hoped that he might do well enough to be included in Rangers' first team plans, his new manager promptly disclosed that the 16th English player to be signed under his regime would be in the team to meet Heart of Midlothian at Tynecastle tomorrow.

"He will play in midfield," Souness said. "Until now I thought we were on the lightweight side in midfield, with Ray Wilkins, Trevor Steven and Mark Walters playing in that department. When Ray decided to move on it gave me the chance to remedy that. In Nigel we have got a good workmanlike player, whom I admired when I saw him at Liverpool."

Robson's call for clubs' aid

By Dennis Shaw

Bobby Robson is asking Football League clubs for full co-operation in releasing players for a special World Cup get-together in January or February.

The England team manager is concerned that a three-and-a-half month spell between friendly internationals could seriously disrupt his build up for Italy next summer.

Unless clubs are ready to release squad players to him he will not see them between the game with Yugoslavia this month and the Irish Republic next March.

Robson launched his appeal at yesterday's annual meeting of the Football League Executive Staff Association at Villa Park. However, Alex Ferguson (Manchester United) and Graham Taylor (Aston Villa) were the only appropriate managers at that meeting.

"I shall now follow up by writing to all clubs and requesting they co-operate in a special get-together at Lilleshall approximately halfway through that three-and-a-half month winter gap," he explained.

"Without this concession it will be an awful long time without my working with the players at such a crucial time in the build-up."

With the help of the FA and the Football League, Robson is also hoping to avoid any backlog of fixtures after the FA Cup final.

"All being well I shall have the players for two full months from the start of the build-up to the Rous Cup games," he said.

Birmingham hope to attract Francis

By Clive White

Birmingham City, still desperately trying to turn back the years, made what looks like another forlorn attempt yesterday when they came up with the romantic notion of re-signing Trevor Francis. At least their interest in the former England player appears to be marginally more serious than that of Aston Villa, their neighbours, who yesterday refuted suggestions that they ever were.

If nothing more, it enabled the Midlands editions of some newspapers to sustain a more pertinent interest in the travels of Birmingham's favourite adopted son, who was dismissed as manager of Queen's Park Rangers on Monday. Francis has since been released from his player's contract, too.

Dave Mackay, the Birmingham manager, is planning to contact Francis to see if he is interested in returning to the Third Division club after an absence of 11 years. "The fact that he has been here before will help our cause. We have to find out whether he would consider coming to the Third Division as he is still a class player," Mackay said. "We are genuinely interested and the money we would have to pay him would be counteracted by the interest it would generate among fans."

At least Francis, who is out of contract, would not cost Birmingham a transfer fee. Francis, aged 35, made his mark at the St Andrew's club as a 15-year-old and his goals, 118 in 278 League appearances over seven seasons, helped steer them into the First Division where they stayed until he left the club to join Nottingham Forest in an English record £1,180,000 move.

John Ward, assistant to Graham Taylor, the Villa manager, said that Taylor was merely "thinking out loud" when he hinted at an interest in signing Francis. "We will not be pursuing any inquiries," Ward said.

Similarly, Derby County have denied any approach from Marseilles for Dean Saunders, the First Division's leading goalscorer. The French champions were said to have contacted Derby with a view to signing the Welsh international at the end of the season after a similar request for the services of Beardsley was rejected by Liverpool. Arthur Cox, the Derby manager, said: "It is the work of an international agent trying very hard to hawk Dean Saunders around the Continent without Dean's permission."

The ill-fated Francis episode at Loftus Road did draw nearer its conclusion in one respect yesterday. Nigel Spackman, the player whose run-in with Francis may have been the last straw in the manager's turbulent 11 months charge, swiftly agreed to swap one Rangers for another by signing for the Glasgow version in a £500,000 deal.

Rangers' board were recently alarmed to hear that Francis was prepared to pay £144,000 more for Erland Johnsen, a Norwegian international, than Chelsea actually did. Francis paid £100,000 more for Spackman when he signed him for a club record fee nine months ago. Spackman will make his debut for the Scottish club on his 29th birthday on Saturday.

Scots call off Rous Cup encounter

Scotland officially have cancelled the annual international match with England, at Wembley next season. The Scottish FA's international committee has informed the Football Association that "the interests of both countries would be served best" by postponing the match for at least one year.

However, the SFA has suggested to its English counterpart that the situation be reviewed once the World Cup finals have been completed, in July. Neither the Scots nor the English wanted any embarrassing incidents which might have arisen from the Rous Cup meeting in May, just a few weeks before the World Cup finals begin in Italy.

Ernie Walker, the SFA secretary, said yesterday: "After discussions with its counterparts in the Football Association, the international committee of the SFA has decide that Scotland will not participate in the Rous Cup competition in 1990.

"With both England and Scotland now qualified to play in the World Cup finals in Italy next June, it is felt by the SFA that the interests of both countries would be served best by putting the Rous Cup aside this season."

● MILAN (AP) — Ruud Gullit, the leading player of European champions, AC Milan, will have a third operation today on his long-troubled right knee that effectively will sideline the Dutchman for the entire season, club officials said yesterday.

● Nottingham Forest, the holders, have been drawn away against Aston Villa, their Midland rivals, in the regional quarter-finals of the Zenith Data Systems Cup.

QUARTER-FINAL DRAW: Notts: Middlesbrough v Sheffield Wednesday; Aston Villa v Nottingham Forest; Stoke City v Leeds United; Newcastle United v Derby County; Seattle Crystal Palace v Charlton Athletic; Chelsea v West Ham United; Swindon Town or Millwall v Norwich City; Ipswich Town v Portsmouth or Wimbledon.

Ties to be played during week commencing December 11.

WEDNESDAY'S RESULTS

IRISH LEAGUE: Roadberry Cup: Semi-final: Portadown 0, Newry 2 (at Morne View Park).

CLUBCALL CUP: Third round: Matlock 0, Wealdstone 2.

VAUXHALL LEAGUE: AC Delco Cup, *Second round replay:* Molesey 2, Purfleet 0. Premier division: Radbridge Forest 1, Kingstonian 2. Second division south: Petersfield 2, Horsham 1.

SEAZER HOMES: Westgate Insurance Cup: *Second round, first leg:* Yate 2, Bath 4. *Second round, second leg:* Barry Town 0, Waterlooville 1 (2-3 on agg); Folkestone 2, Gravesend 0 (4-1 on agg).

PONTINS LEAGUE: *First division:* Blackburn 2, Leicester 5; Bradford 3, Sheffield United 0; Huddersfield 2, Everton 3; Hull 5, Manchester City 1; Manchester United 2, Notts County 1; Newcastle 1, Aston Villa 0. *Second division:* Blackpool 2, Burnley 0; Bolton 1, Barnsley 1; Sunderland 1, Mansfield 0; Wolverhampton 0, Scunthorpe 1.

OVENDEN PAPERS COMBINATION: Brighton 2, Luton 1; Crystal Palace 5, Reading 0; Fulham 1, Oxford United 0; Ipswich 1, Wimbledon 4; Portsmouth 1, Southampton 0.

GREAT MILLS LEAGUE: Premier division: Frome 1, Mangotsfield 3; Tiverton 3, Torrington 2.

SOUTH WEST COUNTIES LEAGUE: Bristol City 2, Bournemouth 0.

EUROPEAN UNDER-21 CHAMPIONSHIP: Group 7: Luxembourg 1, Czechoslovakia 1. Czechoslovakia qualify for quarter-finals. Group 8: Italy 2, San Marino 0. Italy qualify for quarter-finals.

SPANISH CUP: *Second leg:* Barcelona 1, Athletic de Bilbao 0 (Barcelona won 2-0 on agg); Cadiz 2, Betis 0 (agg: 2-1); Zaragoza 1, Oviedo 1 (agg: 2-1); Cijon 3, Tenerife 0 (agg: 4-2); Real Sociedad 3, Sabadell 2 (agg: 3-3; Sociedad won 6-5 on penalties).

ITALIAN SUPER CUP: Inter Milan 2, Sampdoria 0.

TENNIS: BECKER TAMES YOUNG LION WITH A DISPLAY OF AUTHORITY AT MADISON SQUARE GARDEN



Under surveillance: John McEnroe, who cast doubt on the impartiality of the electronic eye

Agassi finds his limitations are cruelly exposed

From Andrew Longmore, Tennis Correspondent, New York

If Andre Agassi would stop and think for a minute, some good might come out of the humiliation he suffered against Boris Becker in the Nabisco Masters. The bare statistics show that Agassi lost 6-1, 6-3 in just under an hour; the reality was far worse. With a precision that verged on disdain, Becker dissected the young American's game, tearing through its tissue of showmanship and exposing terrible limitations.

Beaten by four aces in one service game, by six in seven points, Agassi retreated and stood on one of the flower-boxes which decorate the perimeter of the court at Madison Square Garden. The crowd were amused, so was Becker, who with a set behind him and a 4-2 lead in the second, had ceased to treat the game seriously long before.

But behind the antics lie some important questions for Agassi and his coach, Nick Bollettieri. Is Agassi content simply to entertain, to wear outrageous clothes, to win the odd outrageous point and to make an outrageous amount of money or does he want to develop his undoubted talent and win grand slam tournaments?

If the answer is the former, then good luck; he has already fulfilled his ambitions. If it is the latter, then Agassi would do well to heed a few words of advice from Becker, who has had to face one or two tough questions of his own since winning Wimbledon five years ago at the age of 17.

"Andre has tremendous talent and I honestly feel he can be a great player," Becker said. "I played my best match in five years at the Masters, but he has to think a little bit more about his game and not just try to hit the ball as hard as he can all the time. I think he has the wrong people advising him at the moment."

Of course, there is nothing in the rules which says you cannot be an entertainer and a winner. Ilie Nastase, who coincidentally has lent his name to Agassi's round robin group at this Masters, proved that. But Nastase was a far tougher character than Agassi and, in the prime of his career at least, a far better player. Agassi has yet to reach his prime. He is still only 19 and there are plenty of valid excuses for his disappointing year.

Traditionally, the second year on the tour — the sophomore year as they call it here — is tough because the element of surprise has gone. Agassi has won just one tournament this season, has slipped to sixth in the rankings and has beaten only one of the seven other players in the Masters all year. His form has not been helped by a change of racket, though his bank balance looks healthier by a reputed $3 million.

There is little sign that priorities are going to change. Agassi plans to play only two grand slam events next year, the French and the US Opens. "Hopefully, I will have nine years or so to play Wimbledon, but right now I have to work on my strength," Agassi said.

The thinking is a little obscure, weight and strength never supposedly being essential to a game of touch and timing. It certainly mystified Becker. "That is definitely a mistake. You only prove yourself in grand slam events. It would be better if he played those and missed out on a few of the smaller tournaments."

It will be some consolation to Agassi that he did at least win the best point of the tournament, hitting a ball backwards between his legs and then passing Becker with a blazing forehand down the line. His response to the ecstasy of the crowd was to throw his racket into the air and take a bow. Three points later he lost the game on a double fault.

After two wins in two days, both Becker, the defending champion, and Stefan Edberg have moved smoothly into the semi-finals from the Nastase Group. Edberg played impressively to beat Brad Gilbert for the first time since 1987.

The American challenge now rests mainly with John McEnroe, playing his first Masters since 1986. His victory over Aaron Krickstein was typically long-winded. Not content with berating the umpire, the line judge and the net cord judge, McEnroe even accused the electronic eye of bias. "I know you think I'm paranoid, but that thing knows me," he said. Perish the thought.

RESULTS: J McEnroe (US) bt A Krickstein (US), 5-7, 6-3, 6-2; B Becker (WG) bt A Agassi (US), 6-1, 6-3; S Edberg (Swe) bt B Gilbert (US), 6-1, 6-3.

SNOOKER

Wilkinson in line for whitewash

By Steve Acteson

Jimmy White has had an indifferent 13 months since winning the Canadian Masters, his last title. Yesterday, however, that indifference was reaching crisis proportions.

At the end of the first session of his best of 17-frame StormSeal UK championship quarter-final against the world No. 39, Gary Wilkinson, in Preston, White trailed 7-0 — only two from defeat.

As a measure of his ineptitude, he potted only one ball in the last three frames. He has been suffering from influenza, hence his billiard ball pallor, but Wilkinson, who once had a trial for his local football club, Notts County, is becoming expert at kicking men when they are down.

The 23-year-old's youthful looks belie an inner hardness as John Parrott, the world No. 2, found in the previous round, when Wilkinson led 7-0 before eventually winning 9-6.

Mark Bennett, the world No. 47, from Wales, looked capable of springing a similar surprise when he moved into a 2-0 lead against Stephen Hendry, the world No. 3, from Scotland. But Hendry, aged 20, thrives as much under pressure as when he is applying it.

A superb clearance of 135 opened his account in frame three and further breaks of 53 and 31 levelled the scores. Hendry ended the session with another century of 120 to take a 5-2 lead at the break.

Quote of the tournament came from Mike Hallett after he had lost to the world champion, Steve Davis, for the seventh successive time on Wednesday. He quipped: "My time will come against Steve, but whether it is in this century or next is another matter."

RESULTS: Quarter-finals (England unless stated): G Wilkinson leads J White, 7-0; S Hendry (Scot) leads M Bennett (Wales), 5-2; Wednesday: T Griffiths (Wales) bt A Robidoux (Can), 9-2; S Davis bt M Hallett, 9-5.

MOTOR RACING

Stewart ignites circuit plan

By Alan Lorimer

Jackie Stewart, the former world champion racing driver, was back in his native Scotland yesterday to disclose plans for a new racing circuit and motor testing complex next to Edinburgh's airport, at Ingliston.

Launching the project, Stewart, who was world Formula One champion three times before retiring from the sport in 1973, said: "There is a great tradition of motor sport in Britain, and in Scotland especially, that has produced great drivers like Innes Ireland, Ron Flockhart and Jim Clark. I believe there are better skills and talents here than in any country but, at present, we have very few good facilities."

The proposal, presented jointly by Stewart and McGregor Holdings, envisages a racing circuit designed to the highest international standards by Stewart, and incorporating all the latest safety features. Stewart sees the circuit being used for Formula Three racing and motor cycle racing, but he added: "It would be perfectly feasible for Formula One grand prix racing to take place at the circuit as well. The problem is, in the top tier of the sport, each country can hold only one grand prix event and that is already established in the south of England."

The cost of the development for the 254-acre site, at New Ingliston, on the western outskirts of Edinburgh, is estimated at £80 million but the plan will not get beyond the drawing board if approval is not granted by Edinburgh District Council, to which permission will be applied for next week by the consortium.

The planners will attempt to sell their ambitious project in terms of how it can benefit Edinburgh. The inclusion of a large leisure complex and a spectator capacity of around 20,000 will be important elements in the marketing strategy. The proposal to develop the complex for testing within the motor industry, and to use the circuit to train police drivers, firemen and other road-users, will be another of the selling points. But, undoubtedly, the District Council will be impressed most by the prospect of new jobs, which will amount to some 2,700 during the proposed construction stage, between 1991 and 1994.

On the matter of vehicle testing, Stewart said most manufacturers had to go abroad. "Here we have an excellent site at Ingliston, which is next to Edinburgh's international airport, and which is also at the intersection of two of Scotland's major motorways," he said.

BOXING

Irish eyes focus on success Storey

By George Ace

Sam Storey, the British super-middleweight boxing champion from Belfast, may never be accorded the adulation bestowed on Barry McGuigan, but the likeable lad from the north side of the city has a fast growing army of vociferous supporters. And the southpaw Sam is responding to their non-stop urgings in style.

At the Ulster Hall on Wednesday night he turned a hitherto quite forgettable evening's boxing into a memorable one with an all-action display against a Belfast exile, Noel Magee, a former amateur champion with the impressive record of 16 wins and two draws in 20 contests, whom he stopped 24 seconds into the ninth round.

Magee made a bright start to take the opening round with some snappy two-handedpunching. But from round two it was all downhill for the lad who was born in this shadow of Divis Mountain in Belfast's Ardoyne area.

Storey got his right jab working at speed in the second round and after switching his attack to the body in the fourth, found no difficulty in outclassing Magee with a variety of jabs, hooks and left crosses until Larry McConnell, the referee, intervened early in the ninth round, after Magee had gone down from a right hook and left cross to the head.

He rose groggily at four but was led to his corner by the referee who said afterwards: "Magee went down as much from exhaustion as from the two punches; he had given his all and it was pointless to let him continue."

One disturbing factor emerged at the lunchtime weigh-in: Magee scaled 11st 9lb — five pounds below the stipulated limit. When he won his Irish amateur title some six years ago he weighed 12st 7lb. Storey was 11st 13½lb.

● Tony Tubbs, heavyweight, tested positive for cocaine after beating Orlin Norris in a North American Boxing Federation championship bout last week, the California State Athletic Commission announced.

Commission officials said Tubbs failed two post-fight tests on November 21 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium, where he took possession of Norris' title with a split-decision win in the 12-round fight. Tubbs admitted that he had a drug problem.

"I am seeking professional help for this problem immediately," Tubbs said in a prepared statement released through his manager, Harold Smith.

SQUASH RACKETS

Geaves is richer for experience

From Colin McQuillan
The Hague

Fiona Geaves, the Nottingham-based British under-23 champion, defeated Alison Cummings to win the NCM Dutch Open title and record her first victory in an important international championship. She won a cheque for £380 and yet played in front of the biggest, and probably richest, all-female audience ever attracted to a professional squash tournament.

Geaves, aged 21, won 15-7, 15-12, 7-15, 11-15, 15-9 in 54 minutes against a more experienced 28-year-old opponent, finally undone by her own slow ball tactics on a dazzling glass court in the ballroom of the Kurhouse Hotel.

Around the court were 500 of Holland's most fashionable women, who understood little of the game they were watching, but knew everything about being seen at an unusual coffee morning. They were warm in their appreciation of the two players and quick to obey the marker's command for silence during play.

Geaves benefited from both the unprecedented 10.30am start and the low-tin, point-per-rally format inherited from the accompanying men's championship. "It was all about who could get the best second drop-shot in and my game is shaped that way. I always play better in the mornings," she said.

Geaves, comparing her prize-money with the £4,500 on offer to either Jansher Khan or Chris Robertson when they contested the men's final later in the day, told the enthusiastic audience: "Perhaps this will make organizers think seriously about the women's share of the proceeds."

RESULTS: Semi-finals: Men: C Robertson (Aus) bt B Beeson (Eng), 15-8, 15-4, 15-10. Women: F Geaves (Eng) bt B Horner (Eng), 7-15, 15-13, 15-7, 15-10. Women's final: F Geaves (Eng) bt A Cummings (Eng), 15-7, 15-12, 7-15, 11-15, 15-9.

REAL TENNIS: BLOSSOMING IN A WAY IN WHICH KING HENRY VIII WOULD HAVE DEFINITELY APPROVED

Briggs forces opponent into mistakes

In the first round of the George Wimpey British Open championships at the Queen's Club, the much-improved Melissa Briggs played forcefully to beat the powerful French No. 1, Bernadette Bidouze, of Bordeaux, in straight sets (Sally Jones writes).

Briggs, hitting the ball crisply, took full advantage of her opponent's tendency to rush her service and snatch at the ball on the unfamiliar court.

In the men's doubles semi-final, the holders, Wayne Davies and Lachie Deuchar, underlined their dominance with an assured display against the talented young pretenders, the world rackets champion, James Male, and the world No. 2 amateur, Mike Happell.

RESULTS: Women's singles: First round: P Fellows bt P Wilson, 6-0, 6-0; M Briggs bt B Bidouze, 6-1, 6-3; A Warren-Piper bt P Darby, 6-1, 6-0; J Page bt R Lake, 6-2, 6-5. Men's doubles: Semi-finals: W Davis and L Deuchar bt M Happell and J Male, 6-4, 6-5, 6-4.

Royal help in spreading the gospel

By Sally Jones

The George Wimpey British Open championship reaches its climax at Queen's Club this weekend and, despite enormous changes, the ancient game has never looked healthier since the days of Henry VIII, when a real tennis court was a status symbol no king, prince or aristocrat could afford to be without.

Ironically, it is that very exclusivity and the Royal connections that have helped to spread the word on real tennis to a far wider public. Prince Charles took it up at Cambridge, as did Prince Edward, who now plays regularly at the Holyport club, near Ascot, and recently took part in an exhibition match to raise money for the Globe Theatre.

Gabriela Sabatini's sponsors even used a light-hearted game of real tennis in full Edwardian costume as the ideal pre-Wimbledon "photo opportunity" for their protégée.

Club membership, particularly in the London area, is booming and, during high season, it is now very difficult to book any of Britain's 19 courts without a persistent secretary willing to browbeat club professionals for "the 10.30 court the Thursday after next".

The Oratory School in Berkshire has built a new court, which will be opened next year, and there are even moves afoot to build a second court at Britain's most famous real tennis venue, Hampton Court Palace.

The Tennis and Rackets Association is also exploring the possibility of restoring several disused courts, and encouraging companies to consider building more new ones.

At the top level, the men's professional circuit is thriving, with sponsorship from firms like George Wimpey and Rank Xerox, who provide thousands of pounds in prize-money and expenses each year. Corporate hospitality and pro-ams staged during leading events are also catching on among the more up-market companies as an off-beat way of entertaining clients.

This has proved far more memorable than the customary golf, cricket or racing days, and many of the clients introduced to real tennis like this have later taken it up enthusiastically.

The women's game, although mostly amateur, also boasts an international circuit, with tournaments in the United States, France and Australia as well as Britain. Increasing numbers of women are taking up the game and, for talented players with a good rackets sports background, there is the incentive of becoming world ranked within a year or so of starting.

There is still a wide gulf in standard between the top handful of women and the rest, but the reigning world champion, Penny Fellows, from London, has now reached the lowest handicap a woman has ever achieved.

Queen's Club members have asked that she and the other highly ranked women players should be allowed to play in the qualifying tournament for the previously all-male British amateur championship.

Overall, there are more tournaments than ever before, and a computerized ranking system introduced last season has given the top men a further incentive.

The national inter-club league of three-man singles matches, played throughout the season, is also helping to raise the standards by giving up-and-coming players, among them the world rackets champion, James Male, and Australian Mike Happell, the world No. 2 amateur, the chance of regular competition against the established stars.

The game itself is now far more hard-hitting, with explosive volleys and forces taking their place alongside the immaculately cut groundstrokes that were the order of the day in the genteel amateur era.

Henry VIII would hardly recognize his favourite pursuit but, knowing his competitiveness and zest for change, he would certainly have approved of the power-game that is real tennis today.

FOR THE RECORD

BADMINTON

AFAN LIDO, Aberavon: International match: Soviet Union 18, Scotland 15, Wales 16 (Soviet Union won by virtue of greater number of victories). Men: Singles: V Tikhonorov (USSR) bt J Meiler (Scot), 15-10, 15-5; A Spencer (Wales) bt D Okunev (USSR), 15-12, 15-5. Doubles: D Travers and A White (Scot) bt G Rees and A Spencer (Wales), 15-5, 15-11; A McMillan and K Scott (Scot) bt N Kalinsky and D Kavelaidze (USSR), 15-6, 15-6. Women: Singles: V Chemlavskaya (USSR) bt G Davies (Wales), 11-1, 11-1. Doubles: F Stark and A Gordon (Scot) bt S Williams and R Tarleton (Wales), 15-3, 15-3. Mixed: Doubles: M Kalinsky and E Rykova (USSR) bt C Rees and S Williams (Wales), 15-12, 6-15, 15-5.

BASKETBALL

MEN'S EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIP: Semi-final: Group A: Sweden 85, Romania 81. Group B: Belgium 96, Poland 80; Netherlands 83, Italy 84. Group C: Spain 97, Yugoslavia 108; West Germany 110, England 87.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION (USA): Indiana Pacers 100, Utah Jazz 88; Philadelphia 76ers 114, Cleveland Cavaliers 84; Boston Celtics 118, New Jersey Nets 95; Atlanta Hawks 111, Washington Bullets 104; Minnesota Timber Wolves 105, Miami Heat 100; Dallas Mavericks 102, Charlotte Hornets 83; Detroit Pistons 111, Phoenix Suns 103; New York Knickerbockers 128, Golden State Warriors 111; Milwaukee Bucks 117, Los Angeles Clippers 103.

BOWLS

SWANSEA: United Kingdom women's indoor championships: Quarter-finals: C Robertson (Eng) bt F Elliot (Ire), 7-5, 7-4; S Proud (Wales) bt M Johnston (Ire), 7-3, 5-7, 7-1; J Lindores (Scot) bt M Mungall (Scot), 7-4, 7-2; M Steele (Eng) bt O Paisley (Ire), 7-3, 7-3.

COUNTY MATCHES: Bedfordshire 120, Egham Civil Service 120; Essex 156, Suffolk 86.

BOXING

ULSTER HALL: British superwelterweight championship (12 rounds): Sam Storey (N Ire) beat Noel Magee (N Ire), rsc 9th. Bantam (6 rounds): John Lowey (Belfast) bt Ariel Cordova (Panama), pts. Welter (8 rounds): Eamonn Loughran (Ballymena) bt Ronnie Campbell (Dudley), rsc 1st. Super-middle (6 rounds): Ray Close (Belfast) bt Seamus Casey (Atherton), ko 2nd.

CYCLING

ZURICH: Six-day race (after three days): 1. A Stelli and P Blinckvo (It), 88pts; 2. S John and W Stutz (Switz), 58; 3. U Freuler and J Müller (Switz), 51; 4. D Wyder and B Holenweger (Switz), 46; 5, one lap behind, S Hermann (Liech), and A da Silva (Por), 32; 6, V Diehl and U Boisn (WG), 24.

FOOTBALL

ITALIAN SUPERCUP: Inter Milan 2, Sampdoria 0.

PORTUGUESE SUPERCUP: *Second leg:* Belenenses 0, Benfica 2 (agg: 0-4).

GOLF

HIGHMORPA: Gear Japan Series: Second round (Japan unless stated): 137: T Nakajima, 69, 68. 140: B Jones (Aus), 70, 70; G Marsh (Aus), 71, 69. 142: Y Yokoshima, 71, 71; H Mashiki, 73, 69; K Tomori, 71, 71. 143: M Ozaki, 74, 69; A Ohmachi, 70, 73. 144: L Nelson (US), 73, 71.

HOCKEY

CRYSTAL PALACE: Buttonmen Indoor League: Old Kingstonians 6, Spencer 2; Hampstead 2, Dulwich 8; Richmond 17, Spencer 4; Old Kingstonians 6, Hampstead 2; Dulwich 2, Richmond 11. Final placings: 1, Surbiton, 21pts; 2, Wimbledon, 20; 3, Tulse Hill, 17. Surbiton and Wimbledon promoted to first division.

ICE HOCKEY

NATIONAL LEAGUE (NHL): Washington Capitals 5, Detroit Red Wings 3; Montreal Canadiens 5, Quebec Nordiques 2; Winnipeg Jets 5, New York Rangers 4; Toronto Maple Leafs 3, Vancouver Canucks 2 (OT).

RUGBY LEAGUE

BRITISH STUDENTS LEAGUE: Bradford Univ 38, Alnedale 16; Edge Hill 12, Lancaster Univ 20; Leeds Poly 28, Newcastle Poly 14; Leeds Univ 32, Huddersfield Poly 0; Leicester Poly 14, Cambridge Univ 38; Manchester Poly 34, Manchester Univ 44; North Staffs Poly 52, Coventry Poly 14; Salford Univ 32, Sheffield Poly 18; Sheffield Univ 18, Loughborough Univ 8.

RUGBY UNION

TOSHIBA COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP: Middlesex 17, Kent 0; North Midlands 12, Warwickshire 25; Surrey 7, Eastern Counties 19. Postponed: Surrey v Hampshire (ground frozen).

CLUB MATCHES: Aberavon 4, Aberdare 22; Bedford 31, Bedfordshire 4; Bridgend 66, South Glamorgan Inst 16; Combined Services 8, Richmond 15; Ebbw Vale 36, Lydney 12; Met Police 6, Rosslyn Park 14; Newbridge 6, Neath 18; Plymouth 57, Exeter Univ 12; Pontypool 57, South Wales Police 3; Pontypridd 72, Penarth 0.

CORNWALL CUP: Semi-final: Truro 62, Camborne 4.

C-TEC RUGBY CUP: First round: Bedford College 62, North London Polytechnic 3.

SCHOOLS MATCHES: Newcastle Under Lyme 9, Weston 22; RGS High Wycombe 23, Reading 9; Denstone 22, Loughborough 16; Merchant Taylors' 8, Mill Hill 13; Lord Williams's, Thame 0, Henley 29; Caterham 18, Eltham 10; Oratory 18, London Oratory 7; Windsor 27, Sir William Borlase's 13; Silcoa Valence 12, Emanuel 9; Wellington School 18, Kelly College 7.

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TOMORROW'S SPORT

Desert Orchid is the most popular horse in racing. But has he become too popular? Is he in danger of being over-marketed? In **THE TIMES** *tomorrow, his owner,* **Richard Burridge,** *talks of the problems of living with a sporting legend.*



Amateurism is to be accorded a wider definition

By David Hands, Rugby Correspondent

Rugby union's amateur regulations may be on the verge of relaxation. There was no definitive statement but there were sufficient hints yesterday to suggest that member unions of the International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) will receive during the next week draft proposals for consideration at a special session before its annual meeting next March.

Those proposals will not permit players to be paid for playing but they will allow them to be rewarded for some off-the-field activities and greater leeway in allowances and expenses.

The plans will be made public to encourage the comprehensive debate which Sir Ewart Bell, chairman of the IRFB amateurism committee, seeks as a prerequisite to any revision of the regulations.

Sir Ewart emphasised yesterday, after an interim meeting of the IRFB in London, that the response from delegates to the international congress last week and from players — particularly those from New Zealand — with whom he had talked reflected the widely-held view that no-one should be paid, directly or indirectly, for playing.

However, the board has reviewed several regulations, notably those dealing with communications for reward and the system of allowances and expenses. The board statement said: "It has been concerned to find a way forward that maintains the amateur status of the game but at the same time recognises the demands made by unions on those who play the game. Also, it is important to ensure that the resources available to the game are applied for the good of the greatest number within the game."

Sir Ewart, who has always insisted he would be no party to regulations which were a sham, outlined further the possible way ahead: "It will embrace four stages: *compromise*, because not all the unions have identical views at this time; *concensus*, if we are to manage our game in a coherent manner; this, we hope, will lead to *control* which will enable arrangements to be maintained in the same way in every country where the game is played; we will then hope to establish and maintain our *credibility*." ("The four Cs don't include cash," a colleague muttered mischievously).

Sir Ewart acknowledged the pressures placed by unions on leading players which made it difficult for them to follow a normal work pattern without suffering financial disadvantages: "The view has been taken by quite a few people that ways have to be found to compensate such persons," he said. He suggested that the draft proposals would make significant amendments to regulations three and four, which deal with tour allowances and communication for reward.

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Asked if he believed this could be compared with the broken-time payment which precipitated the breakaway in 1893 of the Northern Union (which became the Rugby League), Sir Ewart said: "There was a totally different environment in the 1890s and broken time has an emotive connotation, particularly for the Rugby Football Union. But we are dealing with a totally different state of work patterns and sport patterns than 100 years ago. Amateurism as we know it now would be altered only to a degree.

"There is no doubt that if we don't keep control of various aspects of our game and the amateur regulations to which all our unions subscribe, then the foundation upon which our game is based could be under threat. If we want to run rugby football the way we think it should be run, we must control it ourselves, for the good of the greatest number.

"What the board is anxious to do is promote comprehensive and informed debate through all the rugby community. We want all views thrown into the melting pot: not just the views of elderly gentlemen like me, but the views of all who participate in the game and have its welfare at heart. Then, each union when it responds to the board will be able to do so with a comprehensive store of knowledge."

Norbert Byrne, attending his first meeting as an Australian representative, said he was very happy with the way matters had gone which, coming as he does from hawkish Queensland, may be deemed an indication that the Rugby Football Union, if it stands out against change to the regulations, will have a fight on its hands.

"As the game spreads, people from different cultures — not Anglo-Saxon cultures — will be involved," Sir Ewart added, "and we need mechanisms by which we can all operate in a similar manner."

● Four former international players who lost their amateur status after being paid for writing books have been reinstated: Mike Davis, the English lock who coached England to their 1980 grand slam, Gordon Brown and Ian McLauchlan, the Scottish forwards, and Stuart Wilson, the New Zealand wing. All may now become involved in coaching and selection below national level.

● France's representatives on the board have been asked to investigate individual players accused of playing rugby league in professional company last season but now believed to be playing rugby union.

● The board has accepted, in principle, the concept of two sets of laws for the game, one for senior rugby and one for under-21 players. The motivating factor is safety, though it is hoped to minimize the number of differences.

● Singapore and Thailand have been accepted as associate-member unions, bringing the total membership to 42.

Board's tour go-ahead

By David Hands

The International Rugby Football Board (IRFB) yesterday agreed that South Africa may invite an international party to the republic next summer, thus maintaining the line it took over the visit there earlier this year — with all its sporting and political implications.

The 1990 tour is planned to celebrate the centenary of the Natal Rugby Union, and as with this year's tour it will be up to member unions to decide whether they will pass on invitations to individual players.

But in these last few months the climate has changed. The furore which followed the participation of a large squad of Welsh players and committee men led to a vote in Wales to sever links with South Africa; the Australian Rugby Union has made clear its support for such composite playing parties, in order to sustain the amateur game in South Africa; and the Commonwealth Games will have been completed in Auckland in January, leaving open the prospect of invitation to leading New Zealand players, an issue carefully avoided this year.

Though the decision will be greeted with jubilation in South Africa, the home unions may be less than forthcoming in their support — notably Ireland, whose union attracted criticism over this year's decision and who then issued a public statement of regret — while in Wales an inquiry has still to be established investigating why so many Welsh players were in this summer's party. There have also been suggestions that players were paid by sponsors for going to South Africa.

The fact that several players, and their wives and families, also enjoyed an extended holiday after the completion of this year's tour — which could infringe the regulations relating to material benefits derived from the game — has been largely ignored. "A lot of people have made a lot of statements about money being offered and then have not been able to substantiate those statements," John Kendall-Carpenter, chairman of the IRFB policy committee, said.

Holders' new deal

Warwickshire County Cricket Club will be backed for a further three years by the brewery company, Mitchell and Butlers, under the Carling Black Label brand name. The deal will be worth more than £100,000 to the NatWest Trophy holders.

Cricket mourns Gubby Allen

By Richard Streeton

The MCC and Middlesex flags around Lord's cricket ground were lowered to half mast yesterday following the news that Sir George "Gubby" Allen had died overnight. It was the first tangible tribute paid to Sir George, who was 87 and the game's most distinguished elder statesman, and was followed by numerous messages of regret at his passing, including two from the Queen and Queen Mother.

Every honour in the game came to Sir George, who served it as an administrator with unstinting dedication. In particular his work at Lord's for more than 50 years was probably only approached by Sir Pelham Warner. Last summer the ground's Q stand was renamed the Allen stand.

Sir George first played in the Eton v Harrow match in 1919; last summer, the same fixture — the oldest on the cricket calendar — was the last occasion he watched cricket on the ground. After that he entered The London Clinic for several operations and only recently was able to return to his house adjoining Lord's where he died.

After Eton and Cambridge, Sir George first appeared for Middlesex in 1921 and continued playing first-class cricket

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spasmodically until 1954. Like many amateurs, business commitments regularly intruded but as a fast bowler and useful batsman he was always a welcome addition when available.

Sir George won the first of his 25 England caps against Australia in 1930; became England captain against India in 1936 and took MCC to Australia the following winter. He was 45 when persuaded to lead the MCC team to West Indies in 1947-48.

Plans are being made for a service of thanksgiving for Sir George's life to be held in the spring. Lt-Col John Stephenson, MCC secretary, said yesterday: "He was undoubtedly Mr Cricket in this country. Lord's will never quite be the same again. His passing leaves an enormous void; right to the end he attended every match, including those involving young players and he had a tremendous fund of knowledge."

George Mann, the president of Middlesex, stressed Sir George's long contribution to the county as player, administrator, adviser and friend.

Leslie Ames, the former England wicketkeeper, praised his contribution in 1936-37 for healing the rift between England and Australia after the Bodyline tour four years earlier. Ames said Sir George had been a good friend and a great help when he became the first professional to join the England selection committee.

Sir Leonard Hutton said Sir George was a shrewd judge of cricketers and had recommended him to take the young Colin Cowdrey to Australia in 1954-55 when Hutton himself had hardly seen him.

Raman Subba Row, the chairman of the Cricket Council and Test and County Cricket Board said of Sir George: "He made an enormous contribution to English cricket over many years. He involved himself in both the professional and amateur game and will be much missed. He was a forward-looking person and very understanding of the needs of the game at grass-roots level."



Faldo and his putter feel the strain during the first round of the Australian Open golf championship at Melbourne yesterday. Faldo had a round of 68. Report, page 44

Dent backs life bans as way of rescuing football's image

By Ian Ross

David Dent, the secretary of the Football League, suggested yesterday that one way to help clean up the tarnished image of the game would be to impose life bans on those players who are deemed to be persistent offenders.

In a week when three Football League managers were charged with bringing the game into disrepute and two first division clubs, Arsenal and Norwich City, were heavily fined for their part in an ugly incident at Highbury early last month, Dent said that the restoration of public confidence in the game could only be achieved if those individuals who undermined authority were dealt with in the most severe manner.

"We have got to restore public confidence, and the lead and the example can only come from the very top. If individuals are not prepared to conduct themselves professionally, and if they constantly infringe the laws of the game, then they should be deprived of their place in the game, perhaps indefinitely," he said.

"If authority is going to be continually undermined, then there should be some sort of positive action such as a life ban. We must be prepared to take the risk if we are going to uphold standards. We must meet the challenge that unruly behaviour presents.

"In any walk of life you must have rules and regulations, and if we cannot accept that then we are all on the road to anarchy. Is it right that match officials should be harangued from the dug out every week, not only by managers, but by physiotherapists and coaches as well? Referees are under enough pressure as it is."

Dent, who was speaking at a meeting of the Football Writers' Association in Manchester, qualified his call for the "ultimate sanction" by pointing out that football's image has improved markedly over the past few years.

"Although the game has received several setbacks in recent weeks, it has got a better image than it once had. For instance, hatchet men have gone and the number of sendings-off has declined steadily, by 11 per cent over the last three years," he said.

Gordon Taylor, the chief executive of the Professional Footballers' Association, said that he would support life bans only in the event of a serious physical attack on a match official.

"The question of life bans is an extremely difficult one. I do not know of many instances that would justify that sort of action. To receive a life ban from playing sport is almost the equivalent of committing murder in public life. As an ultimate deterrent I suggested, two years ago, a deduction in League points. You would have thought that I had said the world was going to end but now it is becoming fashionable."

END COLUMN

Canute dons a rugby shirt



Simon Barnes

Of course, it was always going to come down to a discussion about amateurism. They were debating the question of "Sport: business or pleasure?" at the national conference of the Central Council of Physical Recreation yesterday.

Ian Peacock, the executive director of the Lawn Tennis Association, argued about the need for a harmonious relationship between sport and business. David Oxley, chief executive of the Rugby League, held the chair. And to stir things up nicely, we had Dudley Wood, the secretary of the Rugby Football Union.

Both tennis and rugby union make a lot of money. Next year's rugby World Cup will make, it is estimated, £30 million. Wimbledon makes £9 million a year. The difference is that tennis players are allowed to keep some of the money.

Wood thinks, of course, that once players receive money for playing rugby, everything will be ruined forever. Perhaps it's all right for some sports, but not for rugby, because people just don't understand "the distinctive nature of our game . . . 50 per cent of it takes place off the field".

Other sports have a social life too

Rugby is a way of life, he said; it is a world-wide freemasonry. Really? Does rugby football seriously believe it is the only sport in the world that has a social life attached to it? Has he never been to the pub after a match at White Hart Lane? Has he never had a jar with the players after a county cricket match? Has he never played for the Tewin Irregulars, raced pigeons, played crown green bowls, and then been to the pub? Has he never been to a pasta party before running a marathon? Has he never drunk champagne after playing a few chukkas of polo? All sports, at every level, are every bit as much of "a way of life" as any other.

Rugby union is not unique at all, save in its bizarre insistence that amateurism is a virtue. Wood justifies the concept with great elan, but he is a matador wielding a desperately moth-eaten piece of cloth.

"Does the requirement to reach as high a standard as possible over-ride other considerations? I think not!" In other words, rugby game for the [illegible]. No wonder new members [illegible] did Wales [illegible] were unable to live [illegible] All Blacks in their recent visit. How often did the All Blacks seem to get stronger throughout the match?

Amateurism is *no* virtue in itself

The answer is, in every match, because they were 10 times fitter than their opponents. You can shrug your shoulders and say: "Well, all our boys have nice jobs", but that does nothing to lift the frustration of the spectators and of the players.

There seems to be a deep rift between the players, whose desire and commitment is obvious, and the administrators, who are mostly ex-players and who never got paid a penny themselves.

Amateurism is no virtue in itself. Excellence is. The fact is that the concept of amateurism is a sociological fossil, one which mysteriously survives in living form in the lost world of rugby union. It has nothing to do with virtue, and everything to do with social class.

However, even as Dudley Wood was wafting his red rag, the International Rugby Board's amateurism committee was busy applying the thin end of the wedge to rugby's stand on amateurism. It now seems likely the players will soon be earning money from off-pitch activities. Perhaps this entire debate yesterday will soon be a mere curiosity of sporting history. "I have a great deal of time for King Canute," Wood said.

SPORT IN BRIEF

Arena date announced

A £50 million national indoor sports arena being built in Birmingham will open in October 1991, the City council announced yesterday. Bids for international events already submitted are for the world gymnastics championship in 1993, the world netball championships in 1995 and the European men's volleyball Championships in 1995.

The arena's facilities will include Britain's first indoor six lane athletics track.

WRU's offer

The Welsh Rugby Union (WRU) have invited the Merit Table clubs to another meeting to try to find an arrangement for running the proposed new national leagues.



Barlow: missing tour

Out of India

Gloucestershire, planning a pre-season cricket tour of India and Australia in March, will be without their South African manager-coach, Eddie Barlow, and two players for the first part of the trip. Barlow expects to be banned from India, along with Bill Athey and David Graveney.

Auckland job

The Rev John Boyers, the Watford FC chaplain, has been appointed as one of the eight official chaplains to the Commonwealth Games in Auckland.

Potter hurt

Neil Potter, England's No. 1 sprint cycling choice for the Commonwealth Games in Auckland, is in a Chesterfield Hospital with a broken leg following a training accident and will be unable to go to New Zealand.

£100,000 deal

Puma, the sportswear manufacturers, have announced a £100,000 sponsorship deal with Wigan council. Over the next three years the cash will be used to help finance Wigan's Robin Park sports complex.

Mancini faces charge from FA on dispute

Terry Mancini, the Luton assistant manager, has been charged by the Football Association with bringing the game into disrepute when he was ordered from the bench during the Zenith Data Systems Cup match, at Crystal Palace, on Monday.

Kelvin Morton, the referee, sent Mancini off for disputing the sendings-off of David Preece and Danny Wilson, of Luton.

Ray Harford, the Luton manager, also protested against the decision and was ordered to return to his seat. Crystal Palace, trailing 0-1 at the time, won 4-1.

Mancini will defend himself against the charge and will be backed by his club.

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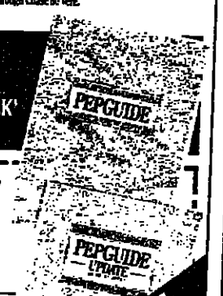
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